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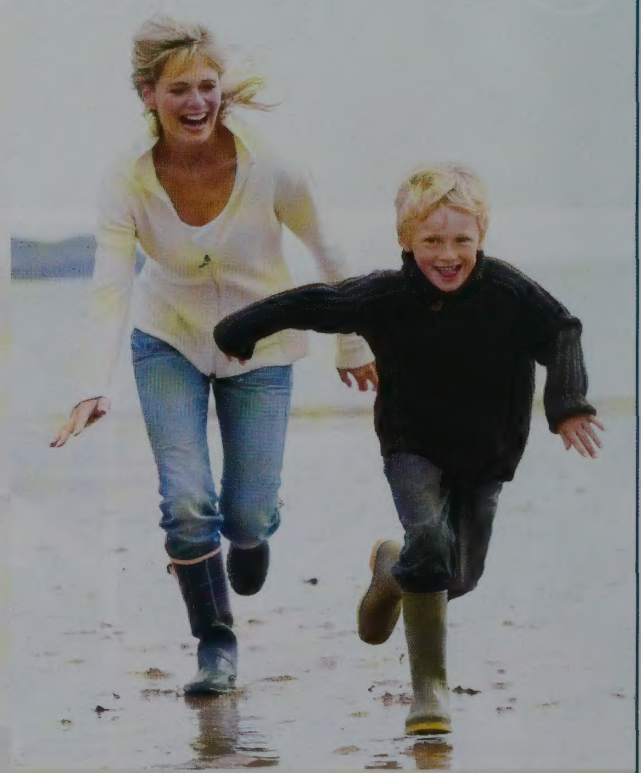

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2 Ticks have to be attached to you for at least 24–36 hours before you can become ill.

Don't wait. Remove the tick with fine tipped tweezers. There is a very rare virus that can be transmitted by a tick bite in a matter of minutes. Why take the chance? Remove ticks right away.

3 Tick bites hurt.

A tick's mouth has barbs that hook firmly into your skin. The tick then injects an anesthetic that numbs the area, and an anticoagulant that helps your blood to flow. You probably won't feel it happen.

4 If you're not around deer you don't need to worry about Lyme disease.

Deer ticks carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. These ticks feed on mice, chipmunks, squirrels, birds and other mammals, including your pets. Also, ticks do not fly or drop from trees. Even if you're not around deer, you can still be at risk.

5 You're most at risk for contracting a tick-borne disease when you're hiking or camping in the woods.

In fact, you can be at risk in your own backyard. Most people take precautions when they are out in nature. Don't let your guard down when you're gardening or mowing the lawn.

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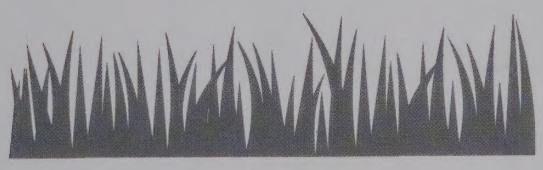
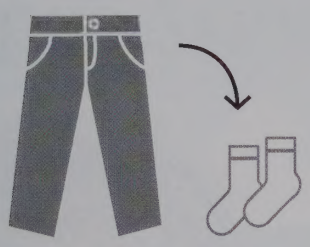


1 Keep off the grass!

Stay on the asphalt or pavement. Walk in the center of the path, avoid tall grass, or avoid the woods all together.

2 Tick checks twice a day.

Do a thorough check at night, and then again the following morning. Check the kids and your pets, too. And check for ticks all year long, Ticks are often alive and well after the first frost.



3 Tuck & cover.

Tuck your pants into your socks and spray your skin and clothing with repellent. (Preferably ones with DEET, permethrin or picaridin.) Most ticks get access to you on your shoes and socks, so don't forget to spray them, too. Spray shoes outdoors with permethrin on the first of the month during tick season (April through August).

4 No pets in the bed. Ever!

You love your cats and your dogs. So do ticks. So don't sleep with your pets, don't even invite them up on the couch. They'll forgive you (especially if you give them treats).

5 Dry your clothes, before you wash them!

When you come in from the outdoors, put your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 15 minutes. Don't wash them first! Ticks survive, and even thrive, in a water bath.

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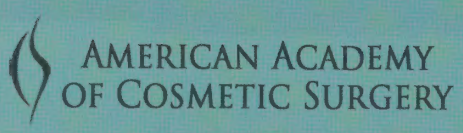

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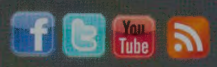

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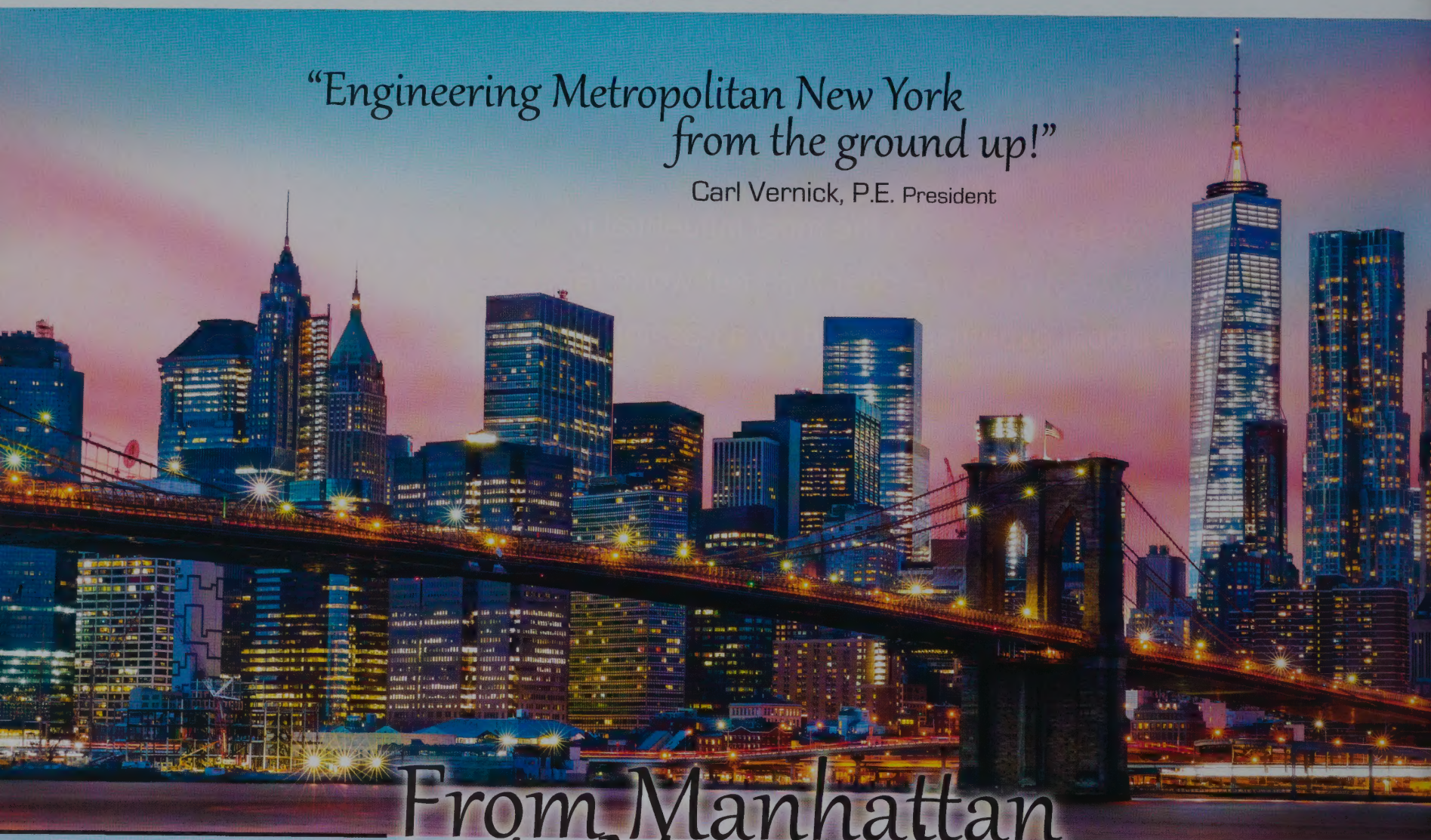

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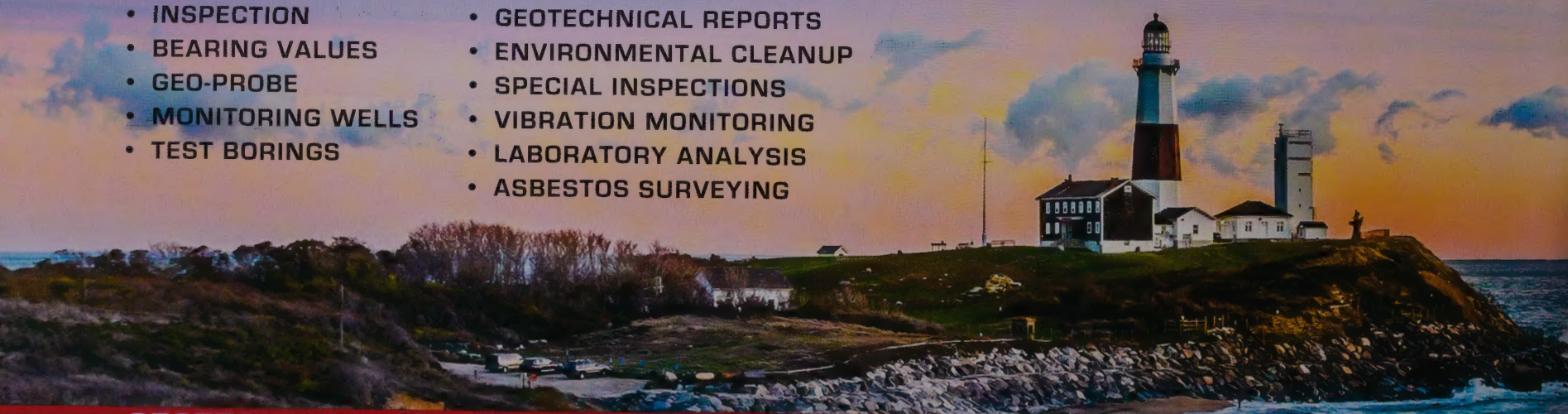

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SUPER BUDDHA'S GAMING INSPIRED N.F.T. DROPS

New River Fine Art announces the launch of 3 new video-game inspired N.F.T.s by internationally acclaimed contemporary artist, Super Buddha at Market Art + Design in the Hamptons, Aug 13th, 2021.

International art sensation Super Buddha will make a much anticipated appearance at Market Art + Design in Bridgehampton on Friday, August 13th at 5:00 pm to drop his 3 new gaming inspired N.F.T.s . The drop takes place on Crypto.com and live in New River Fine Art's booth at the fair.

As a non-native Chinese artist living in Shanghai, Super Buddha began creating art in a hybrid environment of new and old, where the constant influx of Western pop culture influences clashed with the strict and ridged ways of the Hukou System. Coming of age as one of the pioneers of the Graffiti scene in Shanghai, Super Buddha found himself straddling the two very distinct worlds -of Eastern and Urban Art cultures. Being one of the first artists to tag buildings in Shanghai, he risked life and limb to help establish a new style of Street Art that did not yet exist in this heavily populated area of China.

Super Buddha sees his artwork as a positive propulsion strategy to spread the message of positivity and consciousness in every facet of life. *"I see so many things wrong on the spiritual and humanistic level, so my art's intent is to shed more light on consciousness and provide good fortune to everyone,"* says Super Buddha.

Lisa Burgess, President of New River Fine Art, remarks, *"On the surface, his N.F.T.s are inspired by retro video games and are full of positive messaging. Underlying the Pop aesthetic are narratives that are influenced by modern advances like cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies."*

Super Buddha's lighthearted artwork features Buddha as a contemporary spokesperson that captivates the audience with witty one-liner blessings. Exhibited as a repetitive and reductively minimalistic bust of a bubbly cheeked, straight teethed, and large-eyed figure, this bald *Chosen One* is eternally cheery with his signature long earlobes that symbolize a conscious rejection of the material world in favor of spiritual enlightenment.

In ***Super Buddha World: Forbidden City***, we witness Super Buddha, complete with his cape and ambitious smile, crush and destroy negativity through superpower strength that seems to gain forte in a certain crypto world tenacity, as he navigates his way through temples avoiding the pop-up pitfalls. Exploding scrolls of Envy, Jealousy, Self-Doubt, and Negative Thoughts, Super Buddha is on a quest for spiritual teachings.

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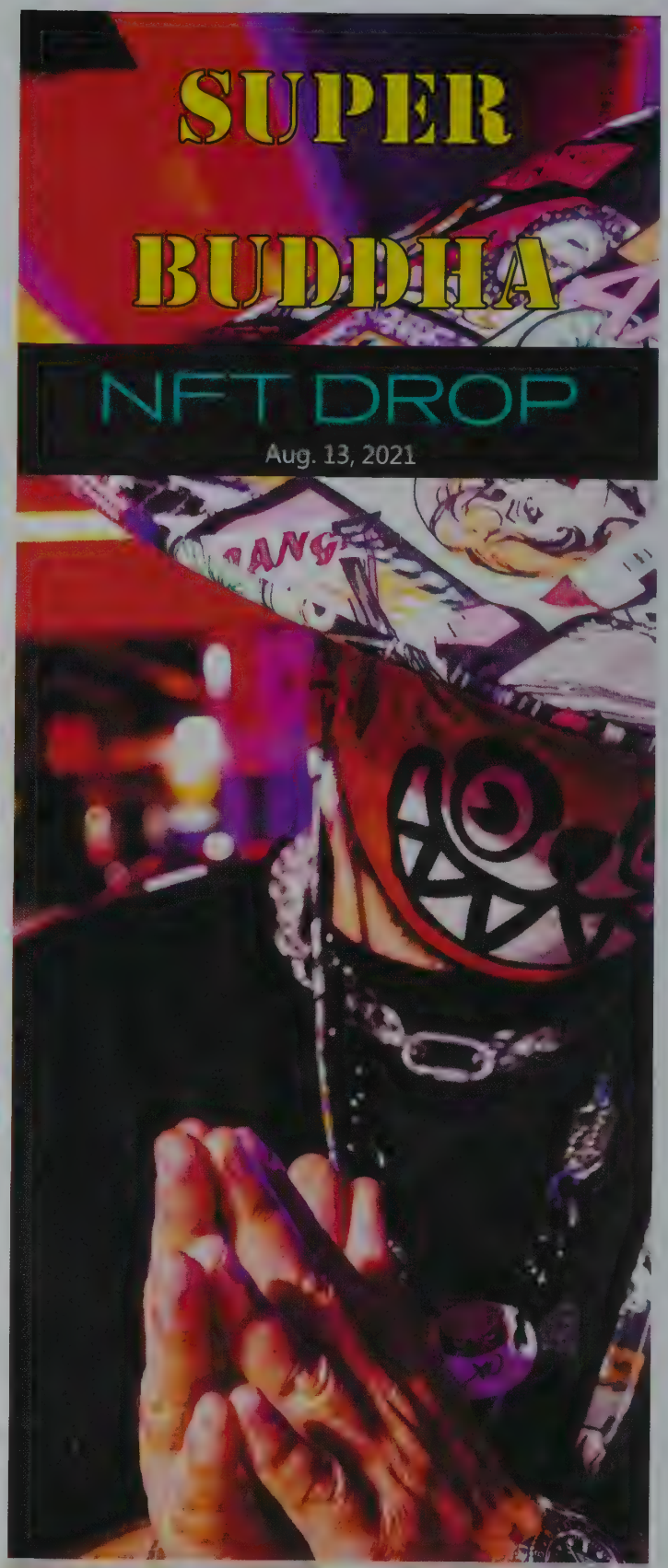

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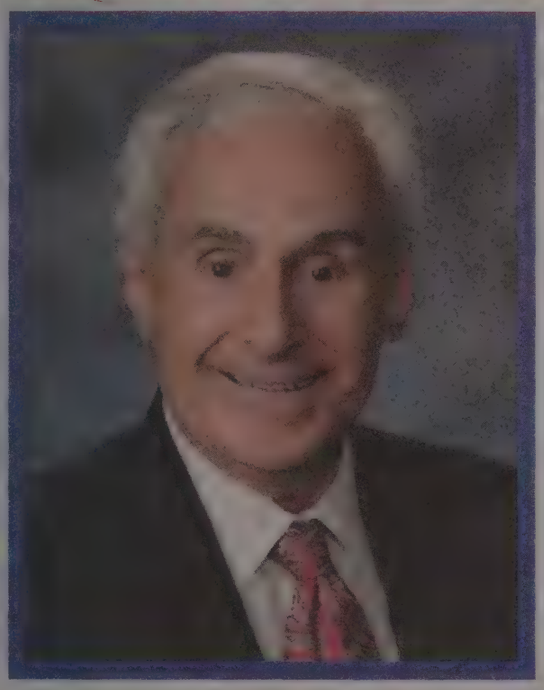

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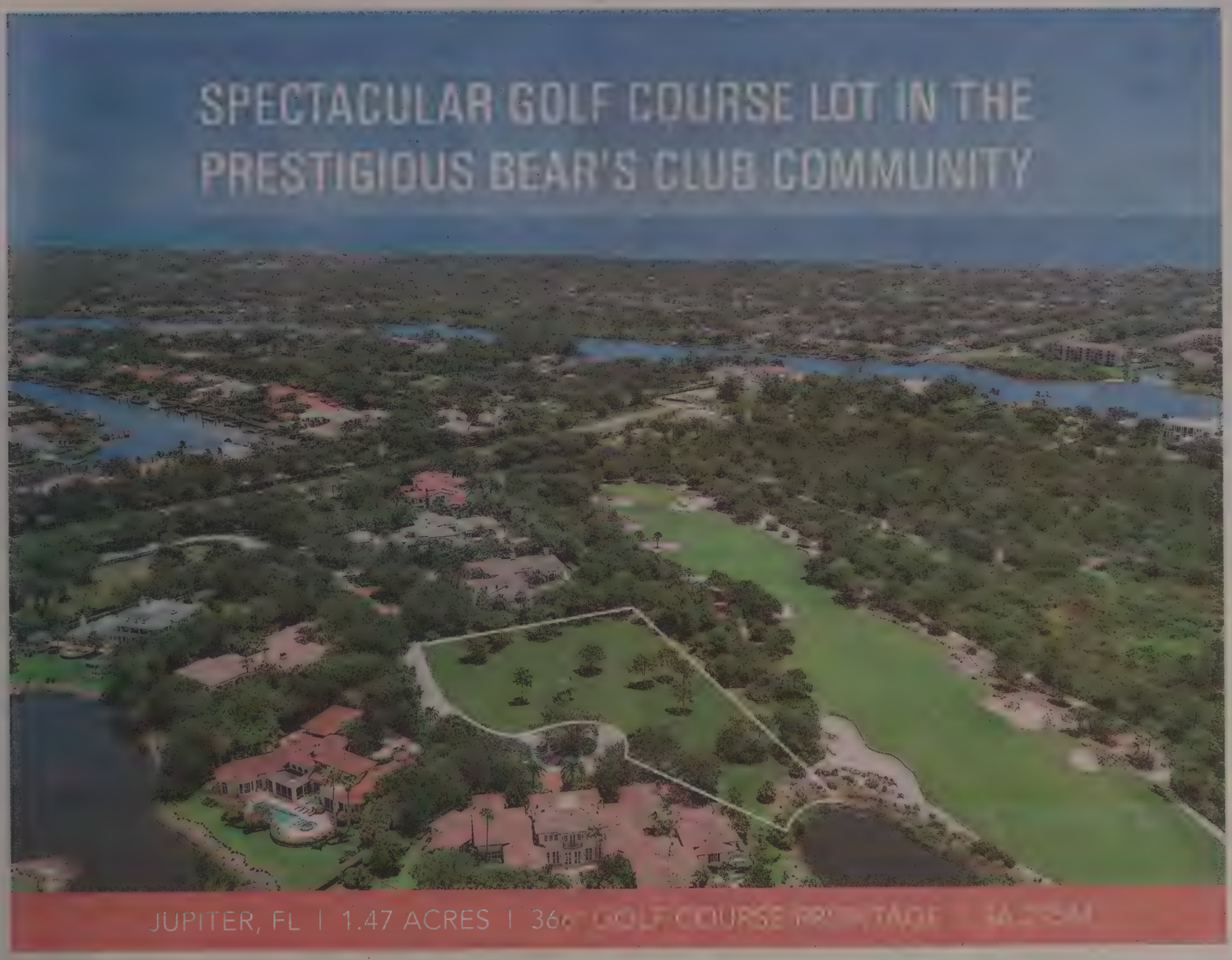

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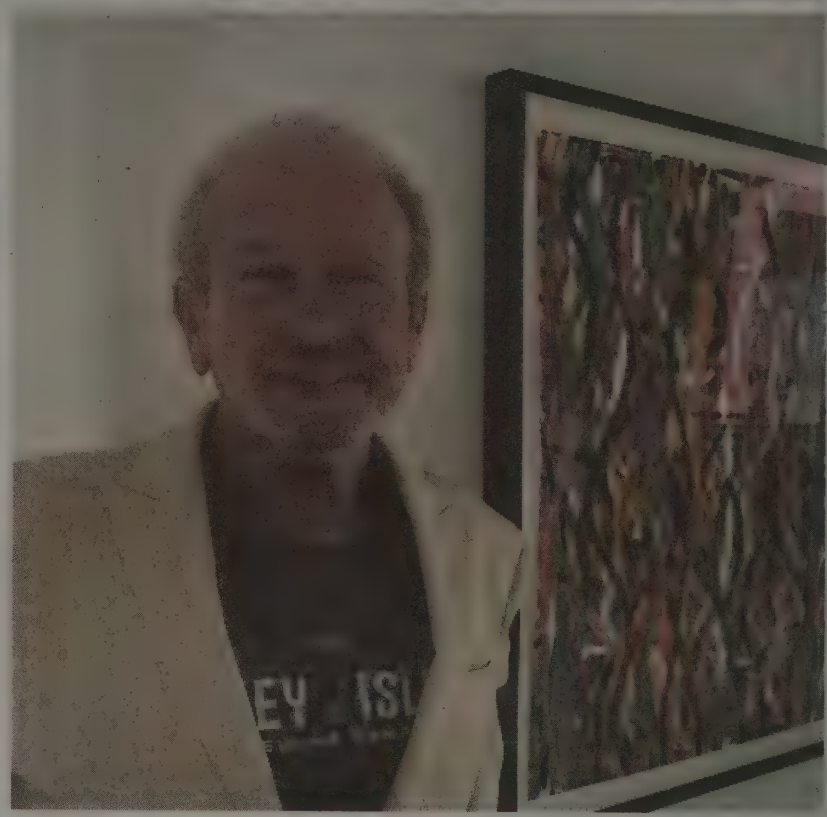
In 2020, I had the opportunity to interview Dr. Harvey Manes on my podcast, also entitled "A Passion for Giving," where we discussed his work with the Nassau County Museum of Art (you can listen to it on the ALINE Wealth website or Apple Podcasts.) When Harvey reached out to let me know about his upcoming honor at the Hamptons Fine Art Fair (HFAF,) I thought it fitting to sit down with him again to explore his passion for philanthropy, art collection and what motivates him to share his knowledge and resources for the next generation. Joining us is Rick Friedman also a collector, philanthropist and entrepreneur, and the HFAF Executive Director who created the region's first fine art fair, ArtHamptons, 15 years ago which ran for nearly a decade.

The HFAF, which runs September 2-5, serves as a joint fundraiser with the Southampton Arts Center (SAC) and is a celebration of the East End as the fertile, creative birthplace of some of the most significant American art. The SAC, located at the former Parrish Art Museum, will be converted to a high-end art fair inside the museum building, as well as within two secure and climate-controlled pavilions and a VIP lounge in the sculpture garden. Here, 40 select art galleries will feature work available to collectors from around the world ranging in price from $10,000-$1M+.

When asked why Harvey was selected to be recognized as the 2021 Collector of The Year, Rick stated "I've been to his house and I've seen all these tremendous works he has. Harvey buys regularly and he's very generous with all of his donations and loans. It's impressive, "said Rick. "A lot of people are very guarded with what they buy. The fact that he's so open to sharing his collections makes him the patron saint of collecting so he can inspire other people to collect. He can be a paragon that they can look up to," stated Rick. Harvey's generosity extends beyond direct philanthropy, as he believes it's important to connect other donors to the right institutions. "One donor should bring in others, that's how things evolve and grow," said Harvey.

Harvey is a respected Orthopedic surgeon, attorney, art collector, art patron, philanthropist, teacher, founder of the Manes Art Foundation and the Manes-American Peace Prize Foundation, part-time sculptor as well as an author whose books include subjects such as collecting art, the Nobel Peace Prize and health, who, in the late 1970's, began what is now an impressive art collection of over 150 museum level pieces and growing. With lots of wall space across residences in Westhampton Beach, NYC and Plainview, he has the ability to keep collecting as well as sharing his collections with the public via his board position and donor status with the Nassau County Museum of Art located in Roslyn, NY. Harvey explained that "the Manes Art Foundation is a lending foundation that lends art to different institutions, museums and libraries that would like to have art shown at their facilities."

Taking inspiration from the Nobel Peace Prize, Harvey established the Manes-American Peace Prize Foundation in 2012 to recognize an American individual who works to contribute to the promotion of peace between nations, races, religions and people in general. Organizations are also recognized that contribute to "good will" in the areas of health, education, art and welfare by fighting poverty and helping the underserved rise to their own potential. A recent recipient of the Manes-American Peace Prize Foundation was the Nassau County Museum of Art which was awarded $1M to create the



Dr. Harvey Manes in his private collection.
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Harvey quoted Pablo Picasso "art wipes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." He continued "I love when people see paintings that I own or that I don't own when they come to museums, because you get away from the division in society and it's all one, it's all universal. It brings a sense of peace, thoughtfulness and connectivity to people when you look at art," he said.

It was a pleasure to learn about Dr. Harvey Manes' passion for giving and his commitment to sharing his art collection to inspire philanthropy, generosity and peace in others. To learn more about the Hamptons Fine Arts Fair, please visit their website.

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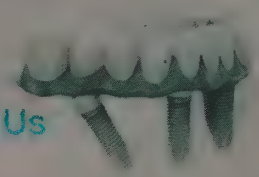

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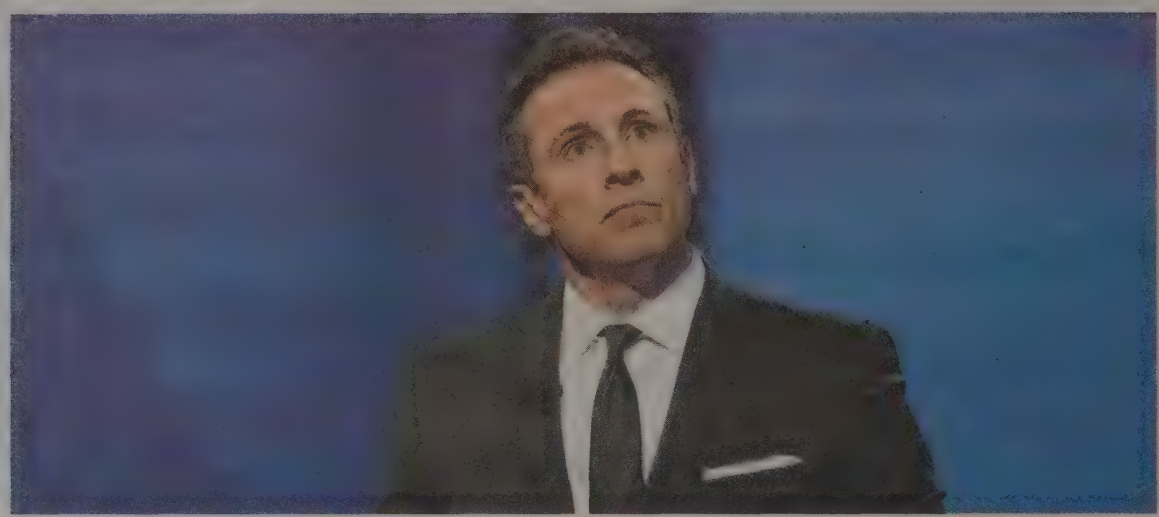

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TIMO WEILAND AT THE DJ TABLE

BY FLO ANTHONY

Hot new couple alert! The 15-time Grammy award-winning British songstress **Adele** and **LeBron James**'s sports agent **Rich Paul** were seen canoodling in Bridgehampton at New England Patriots owner **Robert Kraft**'s surprise 80th birthday party at his friend **Michael Rubin**'s estate. The lovebirds have also been spotted courtside at the NBA Finals and enjoying an intimate dinner at Cipriani New York. Paul, who met James in 2002 at the Akron-Canton airport when the first active NBA billionaire admired a vintage jersey he was wearing, is on *Forbes*' list of the world's top 10 most powerful sports agents.

In other Forbes news, the late Malcolm Forbes' yacht, *Highlander*, was the setting for a dinner in Sag Harbor to honor the 50th anniversary of Save Venice, the leading American nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the artistic heritage of Venice. Host **Mercedes de Guardiola**, along with her host committee welcomed 24 guests who arrived via Donz to the yacht for cocktails and an extravagant dinner. As the night under the stars wound down, attendees—who included **Lizzie Asher**, **Bryan Ludwig**, among others—danced to sounds deejayed by **Timo Weiland**.

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Tongues are wagging that **Scott Disick** reportedly ditched a personal appearance at Gaffney's in Saratoga Spring three times after calling the small-town restaurant and live music venue on July 22 to ask if they had a "small plane" that could pick him up in the Hamptons. Gaffney's did not have a plane, but according to various reports, told the former *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* star that they would arrange for a private jet to fly him upstate. However, on the day of the event, Disick's team is said to have called again, this time requesting to be picked up in the Hamptons by helicopter. Once again, the staff at Gaffney's obliged and located a private chopper to transport him, only to be told Disick had made his own arrangements to get there. Alas, Disick's team phoned once again to say he wouldn't be attending the event. SOTH previously broke the story that Disick, his girlfriend, model **Amelia Hamlin** and his three kids with **Kourtney Kardashian** are vacationing in the Hamptons.

Dr. **Larry Rosenthal**, dentist to the stars, gave an intimate poolside soirée on July 24 to showcase the talent of **Jamal Corrie**, a musical vocalist who caught the attention of the public through his audition for *The Voice* season 18. The smooth crooner sang a medley of hits made famous by legendary singers such as **Ed Sheeran**, **Marvin Gaye** and **Stevie Wonder**. Guests who enjoyed cocktails and appetizers included **Vera Wang**, Schneps Media President **Victoria Schneps**, **Ann Thomas** and *ER* actress **Gloria Reuben**.

We hear...

Harley Lippman, CEO of Genesis10 and one of the key figures who helped implement the Abraham Accords, held a gathering at his Hamptons home with Her Royal Highness Princess **Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**, the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States. Princess Reema spoke about the Middle East foreign relations and bringing unity to the region.

Katie Couric was named the grand marshal of the Hope for Depression Research Foundation's sixth annual Race of Hope by founder **Audrey Gruss** at her kickoff luncheon at "Fairmont," her home in Southampton. Guests included **Martin Gruss**, the event's co-grand marshal **Arthur Dunnam**, **Louisa Benton** and **Hilary Geary Ross**. The race will take place on August 8.

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rence Taylor and **Alan Dershowitz**, Hamptons Bay resident and Dean of the Friars Club **Arthur Aidala** has opened a new law office with his wife and partner **Marianne Bertuna** in Southampton.

Georgina Bloomberg, along with a stellar committee of **Katie McEntee**, **Elizabeth Shafiroff**, **Olivia Mulvey** and others, are hosting the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's (SASF) GO FETCH, a beach party fundraiser on August 7 at Gin Lane Beach located to the left of the historic Bathing Corporation in Southampton.

The East Hampton home of the late graphic design great Jack Lenor Larsen, who lived a full life until the age of 93, will soon be open to the public. According to LongHouse Reserve President **Dianne Benson**, the legendary gardens and sculptures are currently open for visitors to explore.

It looks like Bitcoin billionaire **Michael Novogratz** may have ruffled a few of his well-heeled Amagansett neighbors' feathers with the birthday bash he threw for his daughter **Gabriela Novogratz**, an actress, on August 1. Sources tell us that the financial genius may have allegedly ignored a few town ordinances to turn the evening into a once-in-a-lifetime extravaganza with **Miley Cyrus** as the entertainment. Following the singer-songwriter's appearance at Lollapalooza in Chicago, she hopped on a private jet and flew into East Hampton Airport, where she was whisked off to the party which was in an open field. The over-the-top soirée had a mermaid theme which included underwater stilt walkers and performing mermaids everywhere. Guests reportedly included **Samantha Cohen**, **Steven Sachs** and **Charlotte Bickley**, among others. A source says, "Miley slayed at the party, which just may have been the best Hamptons event of the entire summer!"

Christie Brinkley hosted the annual Polo Hamptons Match and Cocktail Party, brought to guests by BMW North America, on July 23 at **Maria and Kenneth Fishel**'s estate in Bridgehampton.

Sightings...

Naomi Watts shopping in the Hamptons on July 27.

Dillard's department store heiress **Alexandra Dillard** and fashion designers **Alex and Michael Toccin** hosting an elegant waterside luncheon at Le Bilboquet in Sag Harbor.

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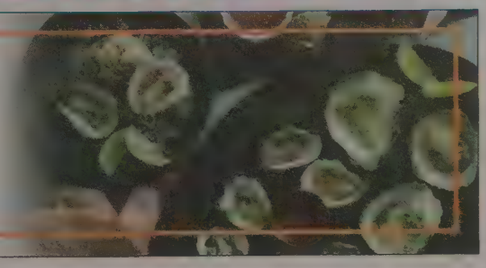

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SOFO's 32nd Annual Gala Benefit

THE JOURNEY FORWARD: RECONNECTING THROUGH NATURE was held on the beautiful grounds of the South Fork Natural History Museum in Bridgehampton. The event honored Dr. Indy Burke, Michael Gerrard, Kerry Heffernan and Kim & Greg Lippman & family. Proceeds from the event will benefit SOFO's educational and environmental programs and initiatives.

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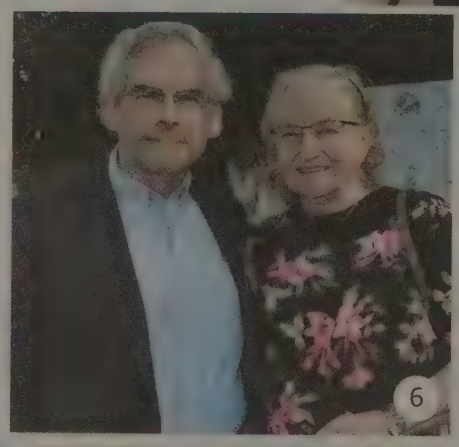

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2. Gala co-host Dottie Herman, Brock Pierce, Gala co-host Carole Crist
3. Honoree Dr. Indy Burke, Patrick Condren
4. Fiorella Santacruz, Chef Kerry Heffernan
5. Kim and Greg Lipmann and Family with SOFO President and Co-Founder Andy Sabin
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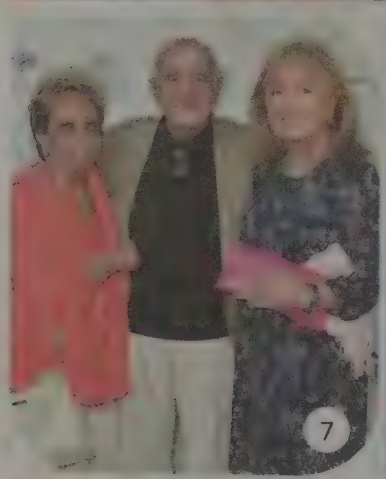

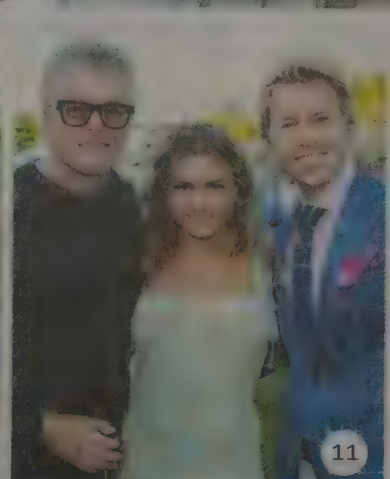

15. Alex Cohen, Sara Wormser, Karen Goerl, Frederico Azevedo
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21. Debra Rothberg, George Schulman
22. David Leis, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming with staff member Ben Lukasiewicz
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25. Wally Zeins, Dr. Scarlett Magda, Jennifer Frommer
26. Jean Shafiroff
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28. Tammy Flanell of Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center with Millenium
29. Willem van Daalen, Angela Wade
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31. Bernhard Kiembock of Dona Sarita Mezcal
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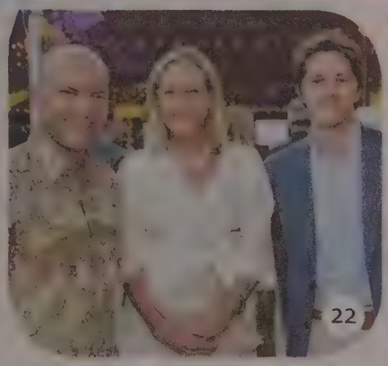

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Holiday House at Topping Rose in Bridgehampton

Holiday House held its Summer 2021 'Coming Together' Tabletop event featuring exquisite tabletop designs by the East End's top designers on July 28th at Topping Rose House in Bridgehampton. Co-chaired by Holiday House Founder Iris Dankner, Kenneth Alpert, Ashley Stark Kenner, Campion Platt and Andrea Stark, the evening raised funds to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres by Topping Rose and cocktails by Dano's Tequila while admiring the tabletop displays and catching up with friends on one of the most gorgeous evenings of the summer.

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1. Campion Platt, Andrea Stark, Iris Dankner, Kenneth Alpert
2. Sam Astor, Iris Dankner, Max Astor, Jay Dankner, Danielle Astor
3. Frederico Azevedo, Iris Dankner
4. Julie Ratner, Iris Dankner
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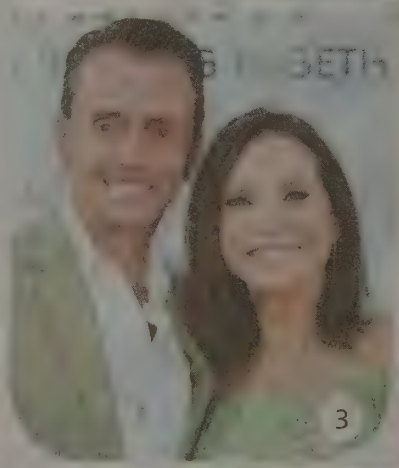

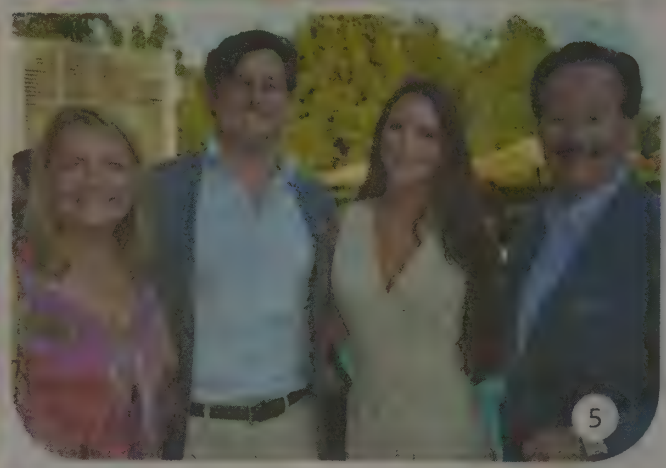

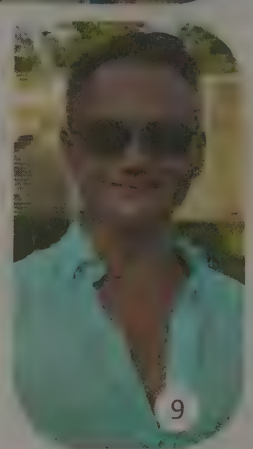

Second Chance Rescue Fundraiser

Second Chance Rescue NYC held a charity event on July 29th at V-Café in East Hampton in honor of 12,000 dogs and cats saved. Hosted by Founder and President Jennifer Brooks and board member Thuyen Nguyen, guests sampled authentic Vietnamese cuisine and cuddled with Puffins, the rescue star of the evening. Second Chance Rescue mission is to reduce the animal population in shelters and rescue and rehabilitate critically injured and abused animals. "The hope," said Brooks, "is to have a shelter out east in the Hamptons."

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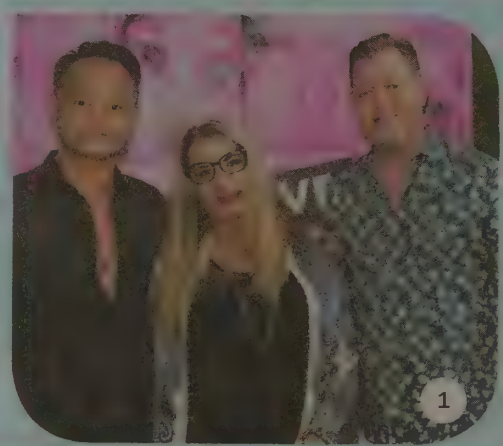

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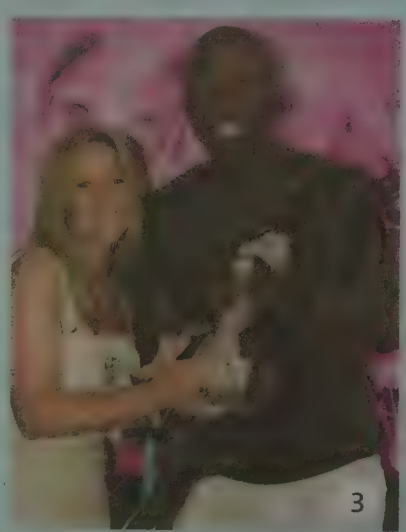
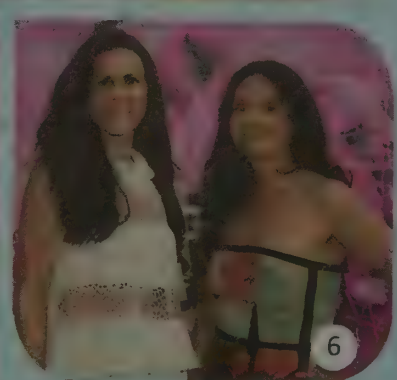
2. Keith Green, Ann Ciardullo and Angela LaGreca
3. Jennifer Brooks, Dan Gasby and Puffins
4. Ellen Krass and Julie Ratner
5. Jim and Christine Weinberg
6. Sara DiOrazio and Adina Azarian





National Yiddish Theatre Association

National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene celebrated Artistic Director Zalmen Mlotek's 70th birthday at the beautiful home of Carol and Jerry Levin. Co-Chairs Sandra Cahn & Carol Levin and guests sang happy birthday to Mr. Mlotek and enjoyed a live musical performance by the artistic director himself. The Award-winning National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene is the longest continuously producing Yiddish theatre company in the world.

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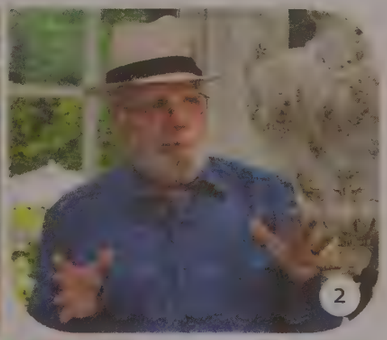

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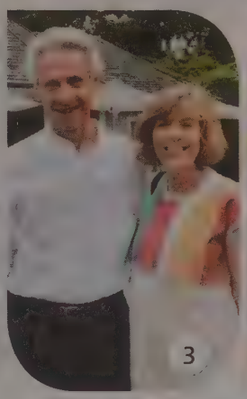

Dr. Larry Norton Honored at The Leiber Museum

American Friends of the Soroka Medical Center presented a special performance by alumni of The Perlman Music Program to honor world-renowned Breast Cancer Oncologist Dr. Larry Norton. The performance was held at The Leiber Museum to benefit the Dr. Larry Norton Institute at the Legacy Heritage Oncology Center at Soroka Medical Center of Beer Sheva.

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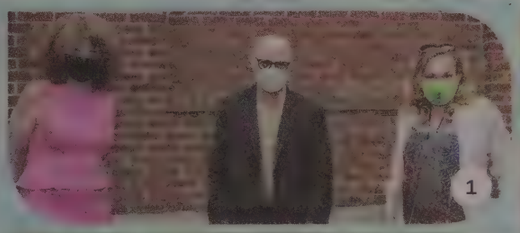

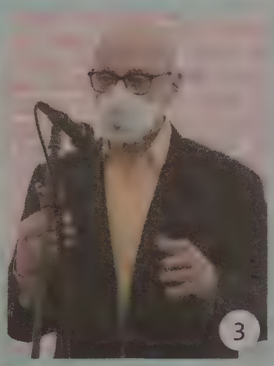

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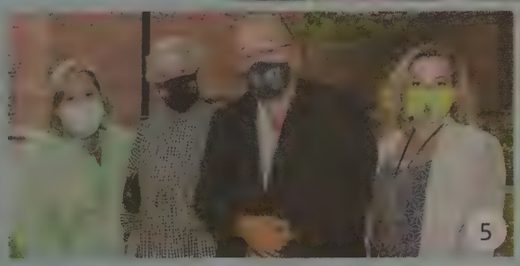

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Accused DWI Hit-and-run Bus Driver Facing Upgraded Charges

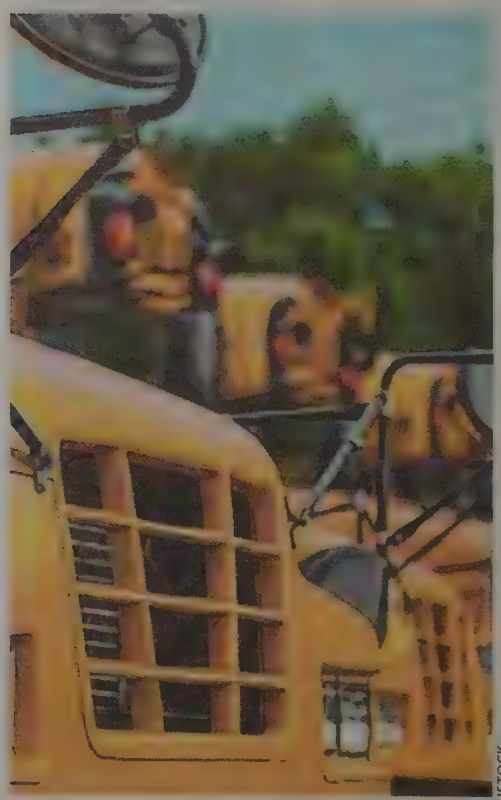
BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Suffolk County grand jury has indicted a woman on more than three dozen criminal charges for allegedly fleeing two crashes last month while driving drunk in a school bus with 10 children aboard on the way to a Baiting Hollow summer camp.

Diane Juergens was charged August 3 at Suffolk County court with 38 counts including felony driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child and leaving the scene of an accident as a traffic infraction. She pleaded not guilty.

Riverhead Town Police have said the 61-year-old Ridge woman was driving a bus with campers and counselors from the Baiting Hollow Scout Camp when she fled the scene of two crashes at 4:37 p.m. July 13. There were no reported injuries.

The kids reportedly ranged in age from 6 to 10 and Juergens is slated to be terminated from 1st Student Bus Company of Hicksville. Suffolk County Judge Stephen Braslow released Juergens without bail.



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SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON WINDMILL LANE.

Southampton Village PD Chief Getting $774K Retirement Payout

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Village of Southampton police chief is slated to get a three-quarter of a million dollar payout upon his retirement next month following a lengthy heated public dispute with the mayor.

Chief Thomas Cummings' contract allows for the payment as compensation for 686 unused vacation and sick days, according to *Newsday*, which reported that the payout was one of several high-priced village police chief retirement payouts on Long Island in recent years.

"I wish Chief Cummings nothing but the best and thank him for his service," Southampton Village Mayor Jesse Warren said in a news release.

Cummings, 57, was hired by the department in 1987 and became chief in 2010. He did not respond to a request for comment.

The village board voted July 20 to approve the payout and end the chief's contract, which expired in May but had a provision that allowed him to stay on the job unless he was voted out. Following a rare detailed public airing of the contract negotiations, the village board failed in April to pass a bid to end the contract, with two voting for, two against, and one abstaining. But after two Warren allies ousted in the June elections the two police union-backed trustees who voted against ending the contract, the measure passed—although the payout grew by $200,000 as a result.

The mayor said an interim chief will be appointed once Cummings retires, and a search will be conducted to find a permanent replacement.

NEWS & VIEWS

Schumer Pushes Navy on Calverton Water Cleanup Plan

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) urged the Navy to devise a plan to address drinking water well contamination near the former Grumman military aircraft manufacturing plant in Calverton.

Schumer spoke with Carlos Del Toro, who President Joe Biden nominated to be the next Secretary of the Navy, to press the military branch to work with localities, expand the continuing probe into the contamination, conduct its own test sampling and provide public drinking water to more than 120 impacted homes.

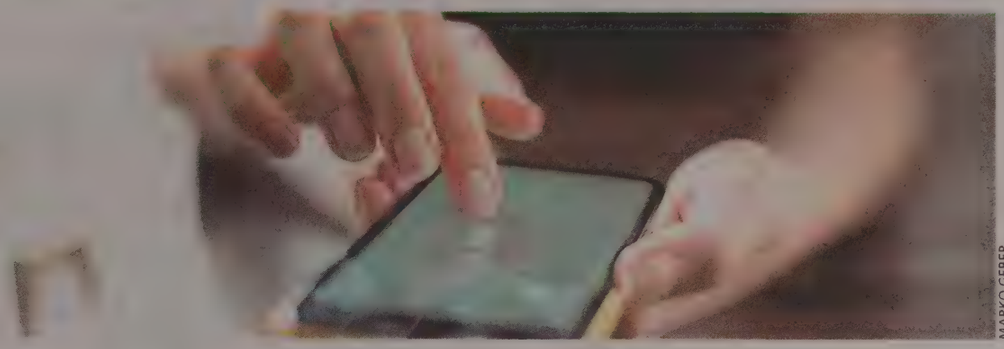
"These are things that will need to remain priorities for the Navy, and they must act," said Schumer, the Democratic majority leader of the U.S. Senate. In a follow-up letter, he wrote: "The recent decision by [the] Navy not to further investigate the potential contamination of additional private drinking water sources near NWIRP Calverton is shortsighted and not in the interest of protecting public health."

Suffolk County Department of Health Services tests revealed in December polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) well above New York State's maximum contaminant level of 10 parts per trillion in wells near the former federally owned Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP), which closed in 1996.

The use of industrial-strength firefighting foam during past training exercises at the plant have been known to introduce chemicals such as PFAS into the surrounding groundwater. Exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse health outcomes in humans, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. NAVY PHOTO

THE NAVAL WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL RESERVE PLANT WHICH WAS OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND USED TO ASSEMBLE, TEST, REFIT AND RETROFIT JETS BUILT BY THE GRUMMAN CORPORATION ON LONG ISLAND.



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RISE LIFE SERVICES HAS A NEW HELPLINE.

Riverhead Nonprofit Helpline Debuts

BY NICOLE FORMISANO

After more than 40 years of providing crucial aid to individuals in distress, Riverhead-based nonprofit RISE Life Services is expanding its services to include a helpline for those facing struggles.

In every community, there are individuals facing serious challenges—disabilities, mental health struggles, homelessness, addiction. But RISE is dedicated to making sure struggling individuals receive the support they need in order to reach their full potential. The program has now launched a helpline with the sole purpose of making sure anyone in need of help is receiving the personalized support they require.

"What the helpline does is, it gives everyone a specific number to call into," says Admission and Intake Director Darryl Johnson. "Before, they'd just call RISE, and we have so many different departments and people working for us, sometimes it's hard to connect people to the correct resource. So the helpline connects you to the right resources and team members so that we're facilitating that conversation with you from day one, as soon as you call."

When RISE first started out in 1980, the organization was dedicated to providing support to those with developmental disabilities, both mental and physical. Since then, it has grown to aid anyone who is in need of support.

"Our motto is that we're here to help all people of all abilities," Johnson says. "Even though we focus on individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities, there are a lot of people that have other challenges. Sometimes it's just, 'I lost my job, I lost my housing. What else is out there for me?' So we help people of all abilities, not just those who were diagnosed with a disability."

RISE's services include residential services, crisis intervention, recreation therapy, psychological evaluations and much more. If an individual is in need of a service that RISE doesn't offer, it will use partnerships with numerous hospitals, clinics and businesses in order to put that individual in contact with whoever can provide the service the individual requires.

If you or a loved one is in need of information or support, you can use the helpline 855-RISE-LIFE or visit the website at riselifeservices.org.

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital to Open New COVID-19 Vaccination Site

BY OLIVER PETERSON

New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor) announced on July 29 that Stony Brook Southampton Hospital will begin operating a new, walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site starting August 3, and open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon–6 p.m., at Parrish Memorial Hall (corner of Lewis Street and Herrick Road) in the Village of Southampton.

The Pfizer (first and second doses) and limited single-dose Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccines will be available. No appointment is required for either.

Anyone coming for the vaccine must bring legal ID, wear short sleeves for the injection and park in the designated spaces along Herrick Road. Entrance to the vaccination site is in the rear of Parrish Hall.

This new vaccination site was organized after Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the July 26 closing of the state-run vaccination site at the Stony Brook Southampton campus as part of an ongoing downscaling of certain state-run vaccination sites in order to shift resources to areas with low vaccination rates. Recently on Long Island, the state also closed vaccination sites at Jones Beach and Suffolk County Community College Brentwood.

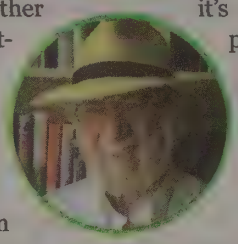
"I am thrilled that Stony Brook Southampton Hospital will begin operating a new COVID-19 vaccination site for any member of our community who wishes to be vaccinated. Now is not the time to let our guard down," Thiele said in a statement. "We must remain vigilant and continue taking all of the precautions necessary to ensure our communities remain safe."

DAN'S COLUMN

Writing Hamptons Private

BY DAN RATTINER

In September 2020, I got a phone call from an internationally known publisher asking if I would be willing to write 6,000 or 7,000 words of commentary for a book about the Hamptons. This is sort of a writer's dream. Usually writers have to shop for publishers. This was the other way around and I felt quite flattered.



I would be paid a good hunk of money for my efforts. I could write and properly rewrite 6,000 words in a couple of weeks. If I'd known how successful this book was going to be, I would have said, "Wait a minute. I'd like to consult my agent." Instead, I just said, "Sure, tell me more."

Assouline is a French international publishing house based in Manhattan which produces giant hardcover books about resorts around the world. These books weigh 7 pounds. Filled with wonderful photographs of beautiful homes and smiling people from the years gone by and the present day, they are the sort of thing you set on a coffee table in your living room and browse through when you have a free moment.

Turn a page and see fashionable people in sports cars, at clubs, on tennis courts. Turn more pages and see locals, including fishermen on boats and farmers in the fields. The commentary is in large print and begins alongside the first of these beautiful photographs. It continues along with the photos for a while and then tails off until it's just photographs.

What should I write? They sent me some of the photographs. There were pictures of a wedding at a grand mansion from the 1940s, photos of movie stars on the set of a film being made here, people checking the vegetables at a farm stand, a local fisherman in rubber waders on the deck of his dragger. Elsewhere, you see people riding horseback, workmen trimming the hedgerows.

Assouline sent me four heavy oversized books about other resorts. I got *Athens Riviera* and *Amalfi Coast*.

Here's how author Stephanie Artarit began her commentary in *Athens Riviera*.

"The Athenian Riviera is magic: it's no wonder that it has produced so many notable artists, authors, scientists and Olympians. Thucydides was born in Alimos, a locale where today..."

And the full-page photograph shows Greek actress Melina Mercouri smiling happily in a low-cut, black-and-white striped blouse in the film *Never on Sunday* (1960), set in Piraceus on the Athens Riviera. I am not in the social set. I am the son of a man who ran White's Drug and Department Store in Montauk for 30 years.

The agents who called to offer me this job told me that having founded *Dan's Papers* and run it for 60 years, I probably knew more about the Hamptons than anybody. I found myself saying, "Well, yes, I probably do."

I also got a call from the publishing house's cofounder Martine Assouline in Paris, who told me I could do it.

"Just tell us what you love about the Hamptons," she said. "The sights, the sounds, the feelings you get when you are there ..."

And so, here is how my commentary for *Hamptons Private* started:

"During a cold spell about 2.6 million years ago, an enormous glacier slid down from the North Pole pushing along boulders, sand and unimaginable tons of other loose debris to finally come to a place where the sun warmed this effluvia enough to bring the slide to a halt.

About 18,000 years ago, a further warming spell caused the glacier to melt and retreat, leaving behind it a place we now call the Hamptons—part Greenland, part Canada, part upstate New York and part Connecticut. Along the edge, it meets the sea with a stunning strip of white-sand beach, extending an astonishing 40 miles. Because of this beach, the Hamptons is considered one of the most beautiful summer resorts in the world, and it's one of the main reasons why, when I first came here as an eager 16-year-old, I decided I wanted to spend the rest of my life here.

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"HAMPTONS PRIVATE"

As my father said at the time, noting the cliffs, the salty sea air, the lakes and ponds, and the rolling moors that populated the long peninsula with a lighthouse at the end, "Nobody just winds up here by accident while drifting through to someplace else. We stick out into the sea. You have to decide to come to the Hamptons. It's a decision.

Dad moved our family to the Hamptons because of his love for deep-sea fishing. Meanwhile, it was love at first sight for me as well; and to this day, I cannot imagine living anywhere else.

It is a truly beautiful peninsula. Although it's just about 100 miles from New York City, eagles still swoop and soar overhead, and whales roll up to the ocean surface to spout. The sea thunders, and the wind whistles. As for the people here, though, it seemed to me that nearly all of them had decided to settle in the Hamptons for the very same reason that I did: They had fallen in love, and they had then gone back to the city to tell friends in their social group about their find, thus triggering others to follow suit.

With that said, a parade of particularly identifiable groups have called the Hamptons home over the years. I've come to think of the arrival of these groups, one after another, somewhat as waves—similar to those of the sea. These waves would sweep over the landscape during several distinct decades. Almost all these new arrivals would stay, overlapping one another, each unique, but settling as a unit, occupying one part of the Hamptons or another, much as the mix of dirt, foliage, sand, boulders, and cliffs occupy the different parts of the Hamptons, while still remaining separate.

Thus, they almost all still remain here today—a great and fascinating patchwork of people and landscapes, coming together as a crazy quilt. Some say it's a match to the patchwork of New York City. But with cows mooing. The city's sixth borough ..."

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The official release of *Hamptons Private* was April 27, 2021. The book has been flying off the shelves in the Hamptons and, I think, at resorts and in other upscale locations around the world. It's showcased in bookstore windows. The first printing sold out in three weeks. Now there's a second printing and I suppose they are gearing up for a third. It's having an amazing run.

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CNN'S CHRIS CUOMO DURING A TELEVISED TOWN HALL WITH DEMOCRATIC 2020 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 10, 2019.

Cuomo's Hamptonite Brother Questioned in Gubernatorial Harassment Probe

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Investigators interviewed CNN host and Southampton resident Chris Cuomo about his advising his brother Gov. Andrew Cuomo on how to handle publicity surrounding allegations that the governor sexually harassed female staffers.

The broadcaster was among 179 people interviewed by independent investigators hired to conduct the five-month probe for New York State Attorney General Letitia James' office. The inquiry culminated in a bombshell surprise 168-page report that detailed Chris Cuomo's questioning in the probe, as well as new revelations from accusers when it was released on August 3.

"According to internal documents and communications obtained during the investigation, it appears that the governor's advisors, including ... Chris Cuomo, counseled him to express contrition after the press published [Cuomo aide Charlotte] Bennett's allegations," the report stated. The report later added: "During his testimony, Chris Cuomo explained that there was discussion about remedial measures the [administration] should take in light of the sexual harassment allegations, but some people had taken the position that 'they should just wait.'"

Bennett, a former executive assistant to the governor, is among 11 women whose allegations against the three-term Democratic governor are detailed in the report, which outlines accusations of groping, kissing and other workplace misconduct. She was the second aide to go public with claims against the governor—in her case, his asking about her prior sexual assault, telling the 25-year-old woman that the 63-year-old divorced father of three adult daughters would like to date a woman her age and asking if she dates older men. Shortly after she told her story to the media this spring, the governor released a public apology stating that he never meant to make anyone feel uncomfortable.

"What this investigation revealed was a disturbing pattern of conduct by the governor of the great state of New York," James, a Democrat, told reporters during a news conference. "These 11 women were in a hostile and toxic work environment."

Chris Cuomo had conducted a series of television interviews—which some critics called gentle or even comical—on CNN with his older brother during the coronavirus pandemic before the harassment allegations surfaced. But after sexual misconduct and other scandals enveloped the governor, prompting a series of investigations and an impeachment inquiry in the state Assembly, the network said its conflict-of-interest policy meant that Chris Cuomo could not report on the governor. The anchor has remained silent on the allegations and a representa-

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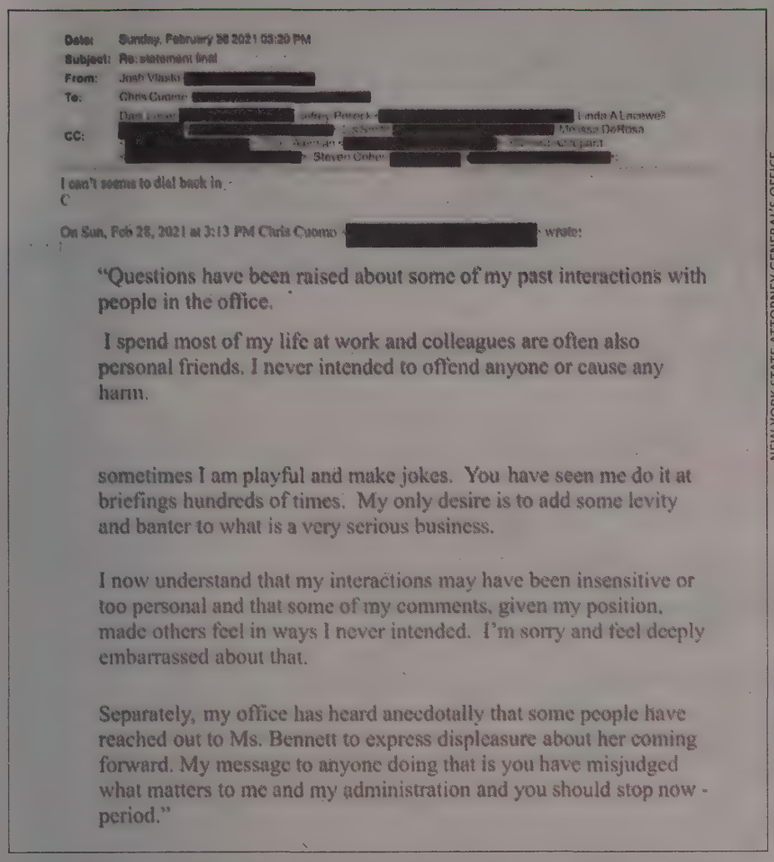

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On Sun, Feb 28, 2021 at 3:13 PM Chris Cuomo [redacted] wrote:

"Questions have been raised about some of my past interactions with people in the office.

I spend most of my life at work and colleagues are often also personal friends. I never intended to offend anyone or cause any harm.

sometimes I am playful and make jokes. You have seen me do it at briefings hundreds of times. My only desire is to add some levity and banter to what is a very serious business.

I now understand that my interactions may have been insensitive or too personal and that some of my comments, given my position, made others feel in ways I never intended. I'm sorry and feel deeply embarrassed about that.

Separately, my office has heard anecdotally that some people have reached out to Ms. Bennett to express displeasure about her coming forward. My message to anyone doing that is you have misjudged what matters to me and my administration and you should stop now - period."

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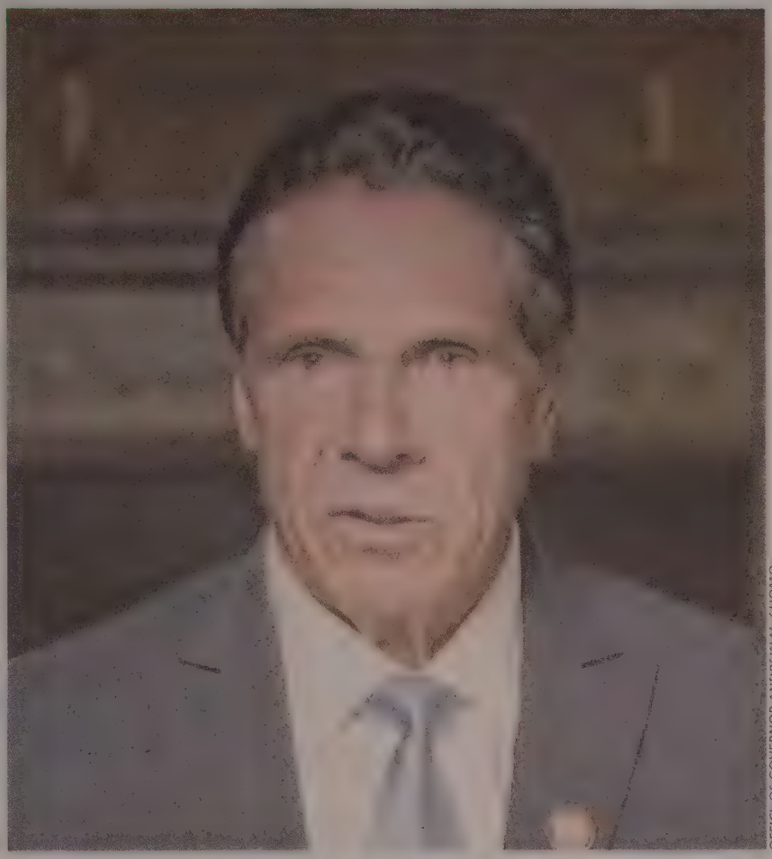
A COPY OF AN EMAIL THAT CHRIS CUOMO WROTE WAS SEIZED IN THE PROBE.



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NEW YORK GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO MAKES A STATEMENT IN THIS SCREENGRAB TAKEN FROM A PRE-RECORDED VIDEO RELEASED BY OFFICE OF THE NY GOVERNOR, IN NEW YORK, AUGUST 3, 2021.

tive did not respond to a request for comment on his interview with investigators.

As *Dan's Papers* has reported, investigators are also looking into the governor's office for alleged fast-tracking of COVID-19 tests for Chris Cuomo, other family members and a relative of New York State Chief Judge Janet DiFiore at her home in Southampton. The state Assembly's judiciary committee has been investigating the administration's alleged prioritization of virus tests for friends, family and others in the early days of the pandemic when tests were not widely available, which raises the question of whether he or his staff violated state laws against public officials granting such favoritism. The committee is examining the testing issue as part of a wide-ranging impeachment inquiry into accusations including the harassment claims, whether his recent $5 million book deal improperly used state resources, and other allegations.

If true, the allegation that the governor fast-tracked virus tests for friends, family and others raises the question of whether he or his staff violated state laws against public officials granting such favoritism. CNN had issued a statement downplaying the allegations, saying it was "not surprising" the broadcaster sought the governor's help before the *Cuomo Prime Time* host was diagnosed with COVID-19.

Chris Cuomo's interview with investigators in the harassment probe was one of at least two Long Island ties detailed in the August 3 report. It stated that in 2019 on LI, an unidentified state police trooper dubbed "Trooper #1" claimed the governor "ran the palm of his left hand across her stomach in the direction opposite the direction that he was walking. The center of the governor's hand was on Trooper #1's belly button, and he pushed his hand back to her right hip where she kept her gun."

Trooper #1 told investigators that she felt "completely violated because to me, like, that's between my chest and my privates," according to the report. She added that she and a senior investigator who witnessed the incident were "both still in shock about what happened," according to the report, and "thought it was disgusting. We were creeped out."

Investigators also interviewed the governor himself as a part of the probe. The report rejected Cuomo's suggestions that his conduct was an innocent reflection of an affectionate Italian-American culture in which he was raised. Investigators found little credibility in his "blanket denials and lack of recollection as to specific incidents."

> *Chris Cuomo explained that there was discussion about remedial measures the [administration] should take in light of the sexual harassment allegations.*

"What these witnesses—and many others—described is not just old-fashioned, affectionate behavior," the report concluded. "It was sexual harassment."

Rita Glavin, a lawyer defending Cuomo against the sexual harassment complaints, released a lengthy "position statement" responding to the report, which she said "purposefully omits key evidence." Glavin accused James of bias. Although the governor said the statement would refute each allegation, it didn't make mention of Trooper #1.

Following the release of the sexual harassment report, Democratic and Republican lawmakers including President Joe Biden, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-Shirley), who is running for governor next year, were among those who called for Cuomo to resign.

"The harrowing details depicted in the report confirm that Governor Andrew Cuomo sexually harassed current and former state employees and created a hostile work environment," said state Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor). "In his response to the report, the governor has made evident that he has no intentions of resigning. Therefore, the Assembly must move with all deliberate speed to begin impeachment proceedings."

In a video statement, Cuomo made clear he has no plans to resign as he denied James's findings, saying, "I never touched anyone inappropriately."

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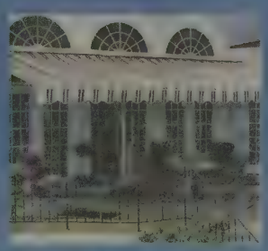

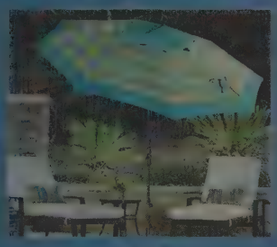

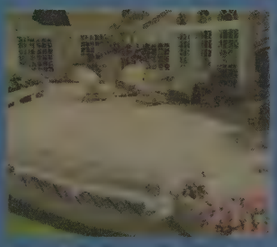

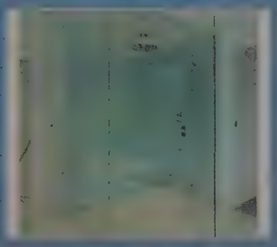

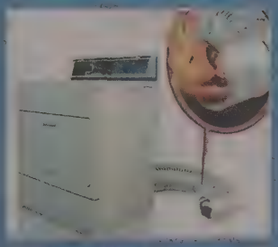

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BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Matt Lauer, formerly the host of NBC's *TODAY*, is once again looking for a buyer for his waterfront compound in North Haven. This listing price: $43.995 million, a figure the former morning show host has asked for in the past.

Lauer first put his home on the market in June of 2019 for $44.8 million, *The New York Post* reported at the time. After a short time off the market, it was listed again in the fall of that same year for $43.99 million, and then reappeared briefly, again, in September of 2020 for $43.995 million.

The 6.3-acre gated property, once owned by Richard Gere, offers simply magnificent views across Peconic Bay to Shelter Island's Mashomack Preserve. There are 300 feet of direct bay frontage and a 240-foot-long private deep-water dock, not to mention a sandy spit of beach and a waterfront pond with a bridge and an "island-inspired tea house," according to the Corcoran listing.

Susan Breitenbach, who has the listing, did not return a request for comment.

Located just minutes to Sag Harbor, the property is perfect for anyone of means who seeks privacy and access to the water. Boaters love the area because it's a quick ride to some of the best fishing and best waterfront restaurants in the Shelter Island-Greenport area.

But, for Lauer, he has enjoyed the privacy the compound affords since losing his television gig amid scandal in 2017. Set behind a gate in the small Village of North Haven, his property is actually three separate lots, a 4.01-acre lot with the main residence and two smaller lots of 1.27 acres and 0.91 acres.

The traditional shingle-style main house, known as Strongheart Manor, was built in 1902 and has been renovated by the highly regarded construction firm Bulgin & Associates to turn it into an energy-efficient 21st century home while still maintaining original craftsmanship.

A large kitchen with a barreled ceiling has an oversized center island with a connected informal living space and a breakfast room with a banquet.

There is plenty of space for entertaining, with several areas, both indoor and out, for guests to gather, including a formal living room and dining room. A screened-in porch runs the entire length of the house, and outside there is an exterior fireplace pavilion.

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Two guest houses on the property have been completely renovated, as well. In total, there is about 14,000 square feet of living space, 12 bedrooms and 12 bathrooms.

Set amid the manicured lawns and flowering gardens is a 60-foot heated pool, a gym in a separate structure with doors that open to let the fresh air in, and a basketball court. Plus, there is still room for a tennis court.

Lauer and his now ex-wife, Annette Roque, bought the home from Gere in 2016 for $36.5 million, according to published reports at the time. At one time, Gere was asking $65 million. Breitenbach also had that listing.

For anyone who is curious, taxes are a whopping $145,825 per year.

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Amagansett	Arthur Schiff	Alfred & Caterine Luessenhop	6 Eastwood Court	Residence	06/21/21	1,605,000
Aquebogue	Paul Kuhnia	Bryan K Spencer	44 Victor Street	Residence	04/01/21	485,000
Baiting Hollow	Christopher & Denise Calderone	Kimberly Cioch	15 Maple Road	Residence	06/21/21	590,000
Bridgehampton	Linda Held	Bittencourt Real Estate Development LLC	1164 Scuttle Hole Road	Residence	04/27/21	1,900,000
	Estate of Kathryn Graham	Amir Khamneipur	67 Norris Lane	Residence	05/24/21	1,425,000
	Linda Held	Bittencourt Real Estate Development LLC	1150 Scuttle Hole Road	Residence	04/27/21	1,250,000
	Habitat for Humanity	Agnes Mujawayezu	668 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike	Residence	05/11/21	500,000
Cutchogue	Estate of Lynn Boulanger	Christos K Marangoudakis	1150 Vanston Road	Residence	05/12/21	652,000
East Hampton	Huntting LLC	67 Huntting Lane LLC	67 Huntting Lane	Residence	05/20/21	10,000,000
	Gail P Swanander	Jased LLC	319 Two Holes Water Road	Vacant	06/19/21	1,300,000
	Anthony & Helen Zappia Trust	Erin Shea	6 Pembroke Drive	Residence	05/10/21	828,500
	Kim & Richard Slater	Addie Conklin Partners LLC	5 Addie Conklin Lane	Vacant	05/13/21	650,000
	Muriel Simmons Trust	Paul Porco Custom Homes Inc	6 Whooping Hollow Road	Vacant	07/01/21	450,000
East Quogue	Eileen Halvatzis	Drake On The Lake LLC	3 Honeysuckle Lane	Residence	06/08/21	1,630,000
	NRZ REO X LLC	James Dorane	24 Indian Run	Residence	04/03/21	699,900
	TGJ-GMJ LLC	Karen Capaldi	Spinney Road	Residence	06/15/21	175,000
Eastport	Betsy Ruotolo	John Larkin	9 East Brook Road	Residence	05/04/21	640,000
Greenport	18 South Street Realty LLC	Gerald Garrels	18 South Street	Commercial	04/05/21	1,219,500
Hampton Bays	Maria & Mitchell Stromski	Neerav Jain	20 Norwood Road	Residence	06/22/21	825,000
	James & Patricia McGrath	Catherine & Kevin Conniff	47A Bay Avenue East	Residence	05/25/21	725,000
Jamesport	Joshua A Kurek	Brian & Christine Pilling	25 Saint Marys Drive	Residence	07/07/21	711,000
Mattituck	Richard B Sachs	Berta Duenas	260 Sunset Avenue	Residence	06/15/21	415,000
Montauk	Daniel & Julia Stavola	Christina & Donald Truesdale	18 Beech Street	Residence	04/21/21	10,000,000
	Allison LeClair	248 Wlake LLC	248 West Lake Drive	Residence	05/20/21	4,700,000
	Janet & John Bardong	Roja Motaghedi	21 Coolidge Road	Residence	06/08/21	2,475,000
	Marks Trust	Diann & Vincent Belluccia	26 Homeward Lane	Residence	05/21/21	2,375,000
	Renee Tavoularis Trust	Barbara A Raffo	100 South Fairview Avenue	Residence	05/14/21	1,700,000
New Suffolk	Edward & Sharon Schmidt	Vito Taverna	180 Grathwohl Road	Residence	06/22/21	1,250,000
Orient	Heather Armstrong	Little Poquatuk LLC	960 Willow Terrace Lane	Residence	05/14/21	2,600,000
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	Jennifer & Sandra Reeve	Eleadin Bonilla	26 Doctors Path	Residence	04/30/21	465,000
	Mona B Vazquez	Kathleen & Vito Ugenti	245 Fishel Avenue	Residence	04/12/21	340,000
Sag Harbor	Julian Ellison	Stephen Bolick	136 Jermain Avenue	Residence	05/25/21	4,125,000
	Susan Mead	Penny Lane LLC	286 Main Street	Residence	04/09/21	3,595,000
	2828 Deerfield Road LLC	Adena & Jonathan Goldberg	2829 Deerfield Road	Residence	05/10/21	3,350,000
	Sharon J Egosi	7 Harvard LLC	7 Harvard Road	Residence	05/04/21	2,085,000
	Steven Sfugaras	Linda Batiancela	26 Poplar Street	Vacant	05/13/21	615,000
Sagaponack	Helen Torres	Caroline & Todd Rosenberg	19 Sagg Pond Court	Residence	05/19/21	10,500,000
Shelter Island	Kathleen A Minder	Sun Is Shining LLC	32 South Midway Road	Residence	05/24/21	900,000
Shelter Island Heights	Mary Trikoupis Trust	Erin Russell	12 Peconic Avenue	Residence	04/29/21	3,500,000
	Ruth & Victor Nussenzweig Trust	Laura McPhail	9 Point Lane	Residence	04/06/21	1,470,000
Southampton	Mary & Mel Powers	Shenandoah Properties LLC	1441 Meadow Lane	Residence	05/04/21	7,345,000
	Jacob Morris	110 Old Town Rd LLC	110 Old Town Road	Residence	03/03/21	2,050,000
	Abbe & Michael Horsburgh	Michael Brooks	276 Montauk Highway	Residence	06/04/21	2,015,000
	Estate of Giuseppina Gambino	Frank DelliCarpini	66 Bellows Lane	Residence	06/16/21	1,850,000
	Melanie & Roland Hamilton	Rachel Bullis	64 Sandy Hollow Road	Residence	05/20/21	1,570,000
	Nancy Quinn Trust	130 Powell LLC	130 Powell Avenue	Residence	06/14/21	950,000
	Theresa A Capone	Daniel Fine	13 Hilltop Road	Residence	05/21/21	840,000
	237 North Magee Realty LLC	Felix Huayanay	237 North Magee Street	Residence	06/04/21	720,000
	64 Marys Lane LLC	Nicholas F Acquino	64 Marys Lane	Vacant	06/28/21	400,000
Southold	2225 North Sea Drive LLC	2225 NSD LLC	2225 North Sea Drive	Residence	04/16/21	1,505,000
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Wading River	Christopher & Honore Cavaco	Michael M Morello	130 Hidden Acres Path	Residence	06/11/21	625,000
	Mario & Vilma Vicencio	Catherine M Mancusi	4 Susan Drive	Residence	05/26/21	620,000
	Robert Seibert	Ho Yu	126 Dogwood Lane	Residence	06/18/21	365,000
Wainscott	John J Sayers	Doris & Stephen Minichini	1 Red Fox Lane	Residence	06/18/21	1,700,000
Water Mill	Glenn & Jinny Simon	308 Cobb LLC	308 Cobb Road	Residence	05/06/21	10,800,000
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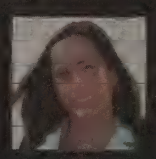

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Help! How Do I Keep My Dog From Biting?

Dog bites are dangerous for people and the dog. People can be seriously injured and dogs can be euthanized as a result of it.

It's important to keep in mind that unless the animal is sick mostly all dog bites are provoked. According to the American Veterinary Association this can happen if a dog finds itself in a stressful situation or feels threatened. Dogs also may nip while playing. That is why dog owners are discouraged from playing tug-of-war, which can lead to nipping and biting.

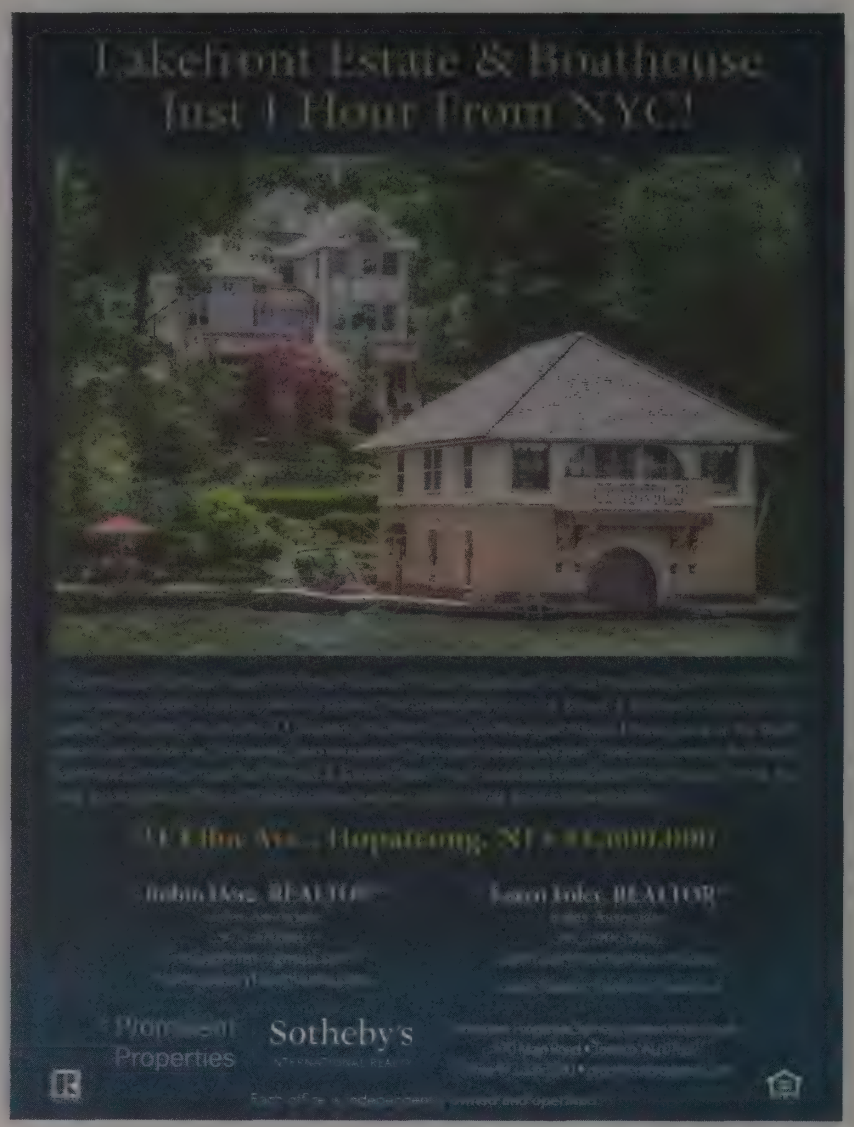
A dog that has bitten should be crated when children and unfamiliar people are around to avoid the risk of a future bite. Dogs can bite because they are scared or have been startled, or because they feel threatened. It may also bite to defend its territory. In addition they may bite to protect something that is valuable to them, like their puppies, their food or a toy.

Obedience training is recommended to refocus a dog's mindset, assist with impulse control, and modify problematic behavior. It can be helpful to place signs around the house to make family members aware of the latest training measures.

Physical barriers such as baby gates may be necessary. Placing a "dog in training" vest on the dog in public may be best and possibly a muzzle, if necessary.

For assistance, be sure to hire a professional dog trainer to avoid any potential issues.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.



Southampton Sag Harbor Books

Book of the Month:
"All In: An Autobiography" by Billie Jean King
Review by Southampton Books

In this bright and gripping account, all-star tennis champion Billie Jean King reflects on her iconic and groundbreaking career, as well as her own personal journey navigating through issues of sexism, body image, and sexual identity. With twenty Wimbledon championships under her belt and a six-year window as the top-ranked woman in the world, she gracefully reflects on the cultural backdrop of her career, which was shrouded in the significance of multiple socio-political movements, protests, and historical events. Her insights on love, leadership, and living a voracious life reflect a woman whose strength and poise have remained constant throughout the years. An incredible athlete with an incredible story to tell!

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3. **The Plot** by Jean Hanff Korelitz
4. **The Cellist** by Daniel Silva
5. **The World Gives Way** by Marissa Levien
6. **Klara and the Sun** by Kazuo Ishiguro
7. **Animal** by Lisa Taddeo
8. **Golden Girl** by Elin Hilderbrand
9. **That Summer** by Jennifer Weiner
10. **The Maidens** by Alex Michaelides

Hardcover Non-Fiction
1. **The Lost Boys of Montauk** by Amanda Fairbanks
2. **Hamptons Private** by Dan Rattiner
3. **The Premonition** by Michael Lewis
4. **World Travel** by Anthony Bourdain
5. **Unstoppable** by Joshua Greene
6. **Noise by Daniel Kahneman**
7. **It's Not Complicated** by Katie Lee Biegel
8. **Yearbook** by Seth Rogen
9. **Empire of Pain** by Patrick Radden Keefe
10. **Vegetable Simple** by Eric Ripert

Paperbacks
1. **Beach Read** by Emily Henry
2. **111 Places in the Hamptons** by Wendy Lubovich
3. **The 7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo** by Taylor Jenkins Reid
4. **Interior Chinatown** by Charles Yu
5. **Circe** by Madeline Miller
6. **The Song of Achilles** by Madeline Miller
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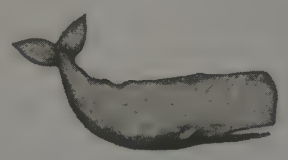

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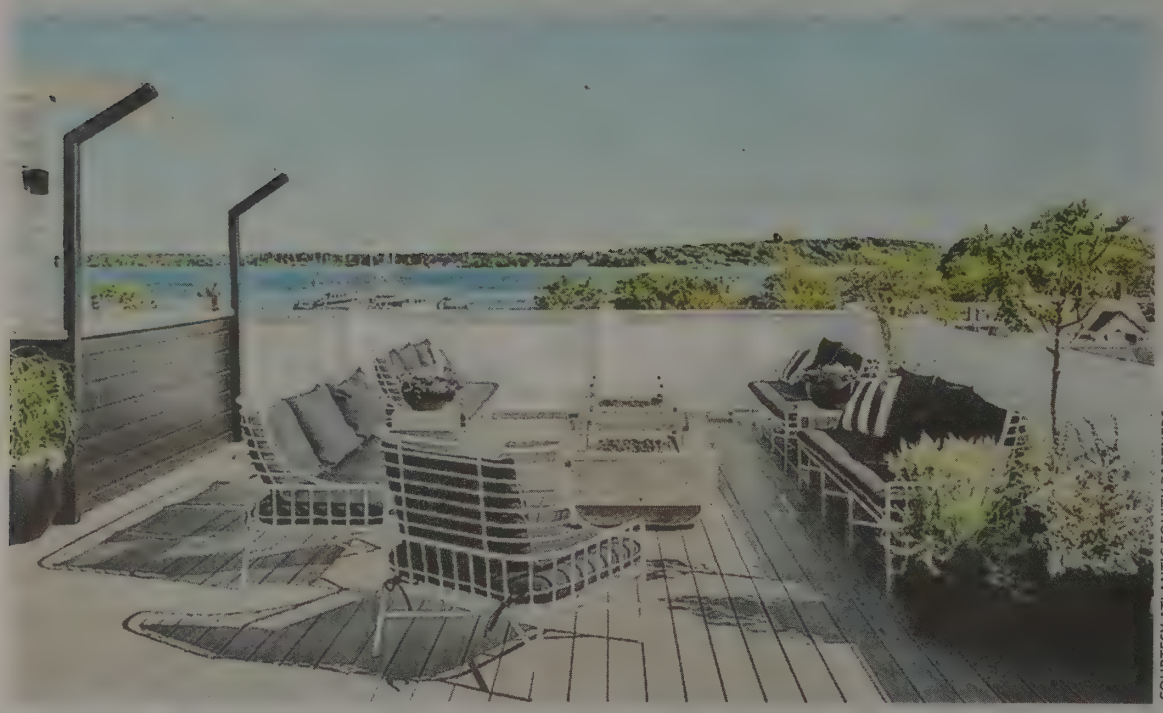

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THE ROOFTOP AT THE MENHADEN OFFERS STUNNING VIEWS OF GREENPORT HARBOR AND SHELTER ISLAND.

New Ownership for Greenport Luxury Boutique Hotel The Menhaden

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The Menhaden, a stylish independent luxury boutique hotel in the heart of Greenport Village that opened nearly three years ago, has been scooped up by buyers who clearly see the North Fork's potential.

Atlantic Equity Partners, a New England-based boutique real estate private equity firm, purchased the 16-room hotel at 207 Front Street in April from Dan and Kristen Pennessi of Tellus Capital LLC.

"We weren't really looking to sell, and it was just a good deal that came along at the right time for us. It was pretty bittersweet for Kristen and I," said Dan Pennessi by phone. "We truly enjoyed building it from the ground up and operating it with this great team, but at that price it was a good deal, and I think it's a testament to the quality of the service and the product, and also to the North Fork."

According to deed transfers AE Menhaden LLC bought The Menhaden from LykonVani GP LLC for $8.25 million on April 21. The deal was valued at nearly $550,000 per key, Pennessi said.

The couple built the property from the ground up with a rooftop bar and deck and an on-site restaurant, all using local trades, including Glenn Heidtmann of Heidtmann & Sons, a longtime North Fork-based business, who built the hotel in just under a year. Kristen Pennessi was the force behind the interior and exterior nautical-inspired décor. A soft opening was held in late 2018. Their "crowning achievement" was operating it year-round, Pennessi said.

"The property and brand were designed to exude contemporary coastal: well-appointed and chic with minimal décor, an exterior that effortlessly fits into this historic village, timeless," he added. "The guest response has been amazing and we thoroughly enjoyed building and operating this amazing asset."

In fact, one of the principals in the private equity firm that bought it had been a guest at the hotel a couple of times. Jonathan Hoenig, a managing partner with Atlantic Equity, said The Menhaden has been performing strong even during the COVID-19 pandemic. In a statement, Hoenig said he wanted to invest in "one of the last up-and-coming leisure markets in New York and the Northeast," an exciting prospect "especially considering the anticipated renaissance of the leisure market in this area over the next decade and the growing demand."

"The market—said to be the 'New Hamptons'—is on fire," Hoenig continued. "Already under their leadership we are seeing record-setting average daily rates. The former owners did an outstanding job developing this property and brand which we look forward to building upon in the years to come."

Atlantic Equity Partners announced recently that Meyer Jabara Hotels (MJH), an award-winning Danbury, Connecticut-based hospitality company that owns, operates or leases hotels and restaurants in 11 states, is now managing The Menhaden.

"The Menhaden is a spectacular property and an irreplaceable asset," Hoenig said. "Meyer Jabara brings generations of management experience and a broad knowledge of markets throughout the U.S. that we intend to invest in. Every member of their team is hands-on, accessible and thorough from property-level manager to upper-level management and ownership. They offer a wide range of management experience from 16-room boutiques to 400-plus-room, full-service hotels. This gives us the ability to know we can work with the same partner across a diverse group of investments."

"This property is charming and timeless with many high-end appointments, including a minimalist black/white/greige color palette, guest room furnishings by Restoration Hardware, a copy of *Moby Dick* at each bedside," said Justin Jabara, the president of Meyer Jabara Hotels, in the statement.

Other amenities, he said, include "a complimentary commissary on each floor, a provisioning shop offering everything needed for a beach picnic or boat trip, a British open-air electric Moke jeep to transport guests to nearby wineries and more, and the only rooftop bar in Greenport offering stunning views of the sunset and overlooking Main Street, Greenport Harbor, the North Ferry and Shelter Island."

The Pennessis, who live in Westchester, are not going far. They are part owners of Croteaux Vineyards in Southold and, after selling their bungalow in West Hampton Dunes, are buying a second home in nearby Orient.

"It was a tough decision to actually sell. We were so fond of Greenport and continue to be fond of it and this property," he said. "The North Fork has been discovered, or rediscovered, and it's just got room to grow in our opinion. It's just a fantastic part of the world and the tri-state area."

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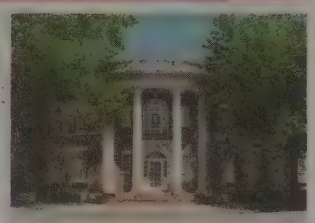

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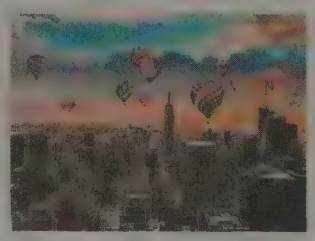

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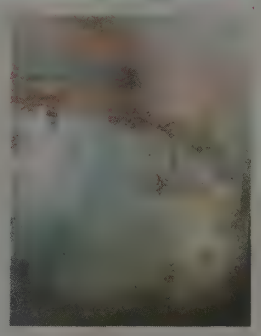

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

TOM KOCHIE

CASEY CHALEM ANDERSON

This Week's Cover Artist:
Casey Chalem Anderson

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Dan's Papers favorite Casey Chalem Anderson is well-known for her beautiful oil paintings that capture the serenity of Hamptons waters, which she creates "for people who love the ocean and crave the calm and tranquility we feel by the sea." In celebration of her 10th *Dan's Papers* cover, Anderson discusses the story behind the piece, her greatest source of inspiration and more.

What is the story behind this week's cover art, "Salt Marsh Triptych?"

Spring comes late and remains gray here in the Hamptons. But just when you can't take it anymore, the lush green grasses of the salt marshes sprout and then we know summer is about to return. That's when I made this painting. I'm thrilled when I see the colors come back—the golden green, pale sapphire water and tan sandy beach. Look out on the marsh and you are in a serene place. I had to paint it!

The salt marshes are the coastal protectors of our water quality and they stabilize our shoreline. During storms, just an acre of salt marsh can absorb up to 1.5 million gallons of floodwater—equivalent to 2.25 olympic swimming pools. It's the vital habitat of a wide variety of birds, shellfish, insects, fish, everything that makes the Hamptons so extraordinary.

What does your typical art creation process look like, and did it differ at all with this piece?

I use oil paint because that's what I'm familiar with. There is a palette of colors I rely on that I've developed over years of painting. In every painting I do try to make a new color combination. There is always a discovery to be made, and new ways to explore making a painting.

This oil painting is two feet by six feet, and it's a triptych—made in three wood panels. The width allows your peripheral vision to fill, bringing your attention back into the painting. When you have three sections (the *Dan's* cover is the first panel), the eye is seduced to travel across the expanse, making natural pauses where one panel ends and the next begins.

What makes this artwork such an ideal fit for a *Dan's Papers* cover?

I'm celebrating my 10th *Dan's Papers* cover. My paintings deliver an experience of the idyllic, timeless places of the Hamptons—the places we all love. The ocean waves, the tranquil waterways and the abundant flower fields bursting with color.

What has been your greatest source of inspiration during this period of the East End returning back to "normal?"

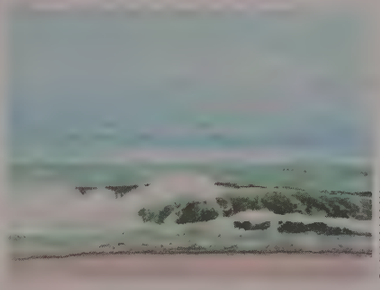
My greatest source of inspiration is nature and the sea; it feeds me every day. There is a bright red stop sign at the end of my block. Every day, no matter where I'm going or how late I'm running, I have to stop. Every day, I'm forced to slow down and stretch my eyes out to the horizon of the wide open bay. I see bait nets attached to jagged wooden poles jut out of the water, and an osprey soars overhead and lands in her nest. It's incredible!

What do you find most rewarding about being an artist?

I love smearing colored paint across the canvas and figuring out what looks good. Sometimes I scrape, sometimes I jab, sometimes I just tickle the surface to get the effect I want. I love to paint, to spread it, to swirl it and coax it into place. Observing this place by the beach surprises me every day with something new that's beautiful. The light of the sky is magical and always changing. The winds shift, the moon affects the tides, the tides disrupt the shoreline, everything is in flux, and I try to be aware of those changes.

Where can your work be seen in the coming weeks, both online and up close?

The cover painting, "Salt Marsh Triptych," is at Romany Kramoris Gallery on Main Street in Sag Harbor. If you are strolling by, pop in. ... I also maintain a working studio in Sag Harbor.



GARY MAMAY

"BLUE STRIPE OCEAN"

Now through September 26: Reboli Center for Art and History in the village of Stony Brook, *Coming Home*. I'm part of a three-person show with Lynn Mara and Joseph Reboli.

September 19 through October 31: The Hamptons Designer Showcase, which benefits Southampton Hospital, will feature my ocean painting in the room designed by Shannon Wiley of Sea Green Designs. On October 9, Sea Green Designs will host an open house to celebrate 21 years in business on the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend with many more of my paintings right in her Jobs Lane shop. Please join us!

To see Casey Chalem Anderson's work online, visit caseyart.com or @ caseychalemanderson on Instagram.

GARY MAMAY

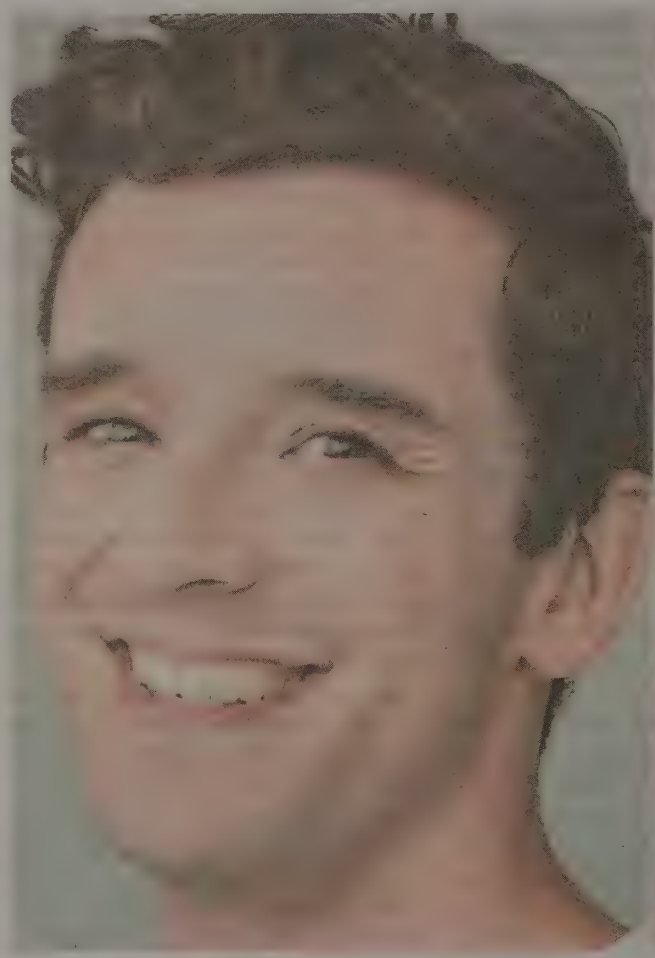
"INTUITION WAVE"

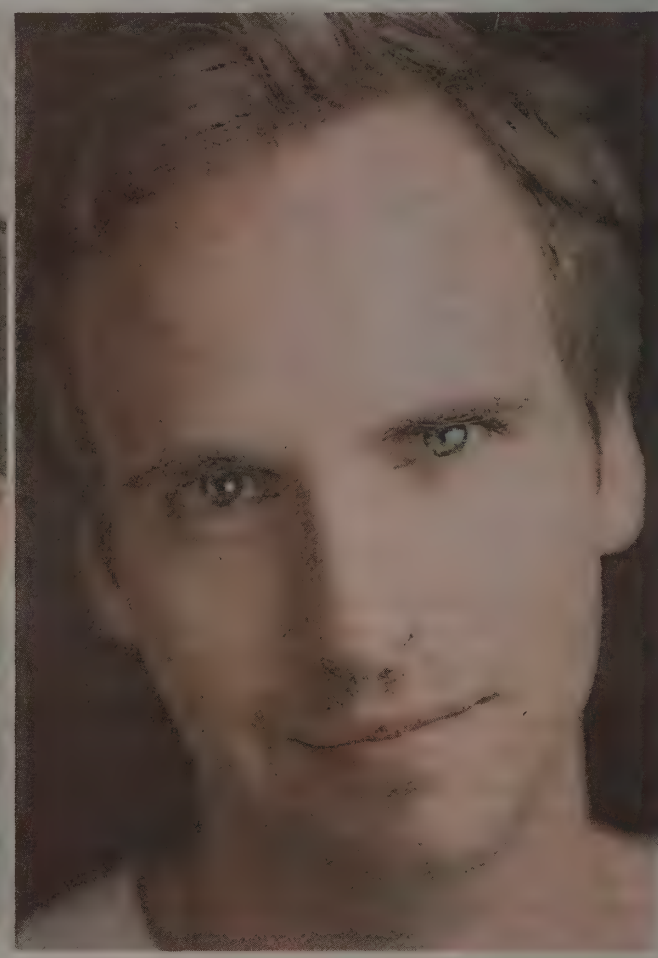
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Acting Couple

Michael Urie and Ryan Spahn Get Set for Edward Albee's 'Zoo Story'

BY DAVID TAYLOR





Coming to Guild Hall's John Drew Theater August 13–15 is Edward Albee's *At Home at the Zoo*, which adds a first act, *Homelife*, to his famous one-act play *The Zoo Story*. Directed by Nathan Winkelstein and starring Sophie von Haselberg as Ann in the first act, the staged reading follows her publishing executive husband Peter to Central Park where he meets the enigmatic Jerry and shares a deep, meaningful moment of connection with this stranger. These two complete strangers will be played by partners onstage and off, Ryan Spahn (*Daniel's Husband*, *Moscow x6*, *Gloria*) and Michael Urie (*Ugly Betty*, *Torch Song*, *Younger*).

We hopped on a Zoom call with the New York City couple to learn more about the show's themes, the Guild Hall production's fascinating evolution and how being an acting couple has helped them find consistent work throughout the pandemic.

Dan's Papers: Is this your first production back on the stage since the pandemic began?

Michael Urie: Yeah, kind of. I just finished a project that was onstage for an audience, but it was filmed, so they were all in the audience, but it was not for the purpose of an audience, if that makes sense. It was a production that was mounted to film for streaming, so it wasn't quite the same as this will be, but it was definitely a thrill to be in front of people again and to have an audience and feel that after 16 months of doing things on camera, some TV and movie stuff and lots and lots of Zoom stuff, it was really thrilling to have people again. And I think this play, now that we're doing it inside for real people—this is a play with a capital P, it's like a real piece of theater. Albee is no joke. And I think it's really exciting to come back with such an incredible piece of theater that I've known about for as long as I've known about theater. This is the kind of thing that once you say, "I want to be an actor," people are like, "Look at *Zoo Story*," because it's something to really sink your teeth into. It's only two people, it's so easy to work on, but a challenge—it's easy to pick up and work on, but it's really hard, and now here I am, probably 25 years after the first time I read it, and there are still things that I don't get and that I need to figure out before we do it for people.

How does weathering the pandemic together influence your take or perspective on *The Zoo Story*'s themes of isolation and loneliness?

Ryan Spahn: We haven't actually discussed that, but it must be deeply informing it, because I think, especially the need to get outside and just sit somewhere that isn't in your house is such a huge part of—now that we've pieced the two plays together, there's a part one and part two to *Zoo Story*. Part one takes place in the home, and then it ends with a character, my character (Peter), saying he needs to go to the park, which means he just needs to get out for no reason other than to get some fresh air and just to be in a world that he's not feeling isolated and trapped in, like he does in the house, and I think we all have gone through that. So I think the play, now that we've pieced them together, actually sort of highlights what we've all been through.

We hadn't originally intended to do both parts, that was a newer development because the Albee estate had allowed us to do part two in isolation, and now that things have progressed with COVID, we had to go back to doing it as a two-part thing.

Urie: And we were originally going to do it outside. The whole plan sort of came about before things were allowed to happen inside, so we were originally going to do it on a bench outside somewhere, and that wouldn't really make sense for the first part of the play. ... But it's amazing how the plays inform each other, even though Albee wrote *Homelife* like 30, 40 years later, the plays really do speak to one another in a very interesting way. I'm really excited that we're doing both parts. The idea of doing just one part was because we wanted to make theater, and it was the only way we could figure out how to make theater. Nathan Winkelstein, who came up with this idea, very cleverly said, "Here are two actors who are already quarantined together, who can safely work together. Here's a play that can happen outside, distanced and in the open air, and we can get this done." Now as things have changed and progressed, and we're able to move inside, it speaks to the moment in a very different way, but it's very cool.

Michael, what insights do you have about your character that you hope to explore in this production?

Urie: Well, I've lived in New York for like 20 years now, and these characters, these people who you encounter who are eccentric, who are very talkative, who clearly have lives that are very dif-

ferent than my own, who have demons and darkness that they go home to or that they come from—they're all over the place. We in New York, we all meet them, and I feel like in some ways, the longer I'm here, the more I relate to them. ... What's interesting about looking at this play after the 16 months is that I relate to anybody who stays in New York, because I've always been in New York since I moved here 20 years ago. I've stayed. And we even stayed through the pandemic when so many people left, and I think that there is something about people who come to New York, which is not an easy place to live, stay in New York, which is not an easy decision to make, certainly not financially, but emotionally too, I think that there is something relatable about all of us, and even though I do not live in the kind of situation he (Jerry) lives in, there is something relatable to him, for me, I get wandering around New York, looking for yourself. I get that New York can be both the only place you want to live and this place that does nothing but pummel you and tear you down. ...

Ryan, same question to you: What makes your character tick; what are you looking to explore?

Spahn: Well, we talked about this last night at rehearsal, and it's something that I relate to a lot. I play a person who benefits from being around people who take up more space in life than he does, and Peter takes up less space in life than the people he shares scenes with, and I think Ryan the actor, the real person, definitely does that. I think I surround myself with people who (are like that), in my personal life and in my friendship life. Not Michael the character, but Michael as a person, he's a more energetic writer. ... And I just understand that. I understand somebody who feels like they take up space by way of sharing it with somebody else, and it isn't until they realize that that's not actually what they're doing, and they're challenged—like my character is challenged to fill space with anger or animalistic tendencies that I don't feel like I have because I've pushed them down, because I've allowed other people to have them instead of me, and I think that he learns how to have that through this play, and I personally understand that, particularly in the wake of being locked inside for as long as we were.

How many productions would you say you've done together, and do you typically practice lines and rehearse at home or try to keep work outside of the home?

Spahn: We've done a movie together, a web series together. We did a short together. We did a play at Martha's Vineyard, we did 75 things in quarantine, and now we're doing this.

Urie: And *Hamlet*! It's always a little different, but when we work together, we do—and even when we're not working together—we do try to keep the homelife sacred.

Spahn: I love that you just called it "homelife," because that's the name of part one.

Urie: Exactly! But we do try to turn off work, and what I mean is when we're working or separate, there's a point where it's like—I know that I've said to Ryan at times, "I don't want to talk about work anymore," even though something crazy happened to me at rehearsal or on set today, I just want to turn it off. And can we just talk about something else for a little while? And I know Ryan's done the same. And certainly when we've worked together, we made a movie together that Ryan wrote and I directed and we were both in, and that was all-encompassing for probably two months of our lives, and that was sort of all we did. And that was one thing.

Spahn: Our whole apartment was a production office, and the producer was from LA living in a closet that we put a bed in, in our apartment.

Urie: Yeah, that was just something special, and it was very exciting—we were making a movie, there was this big crew and people were coming and going all the time, and that was a moment where we did let it completely encompass our lives. And I imagine, at some point, this will encompass our lives, too, once Ryan is finished with his project, and I just got back from a project, but once it's more focused just on *At Home at the Zoo*, it'll probably encompass our lives. We'll talk about it at night after rehearsal, we'll run through lines together outside of rehearsal, but we can't just be working all the time. We do protect our life at home, and we are careful about that even when we are working together, there are times when, wouldn't you say, Ryan, we just decide, "OK, phones down, brains off. Let's watch HGTV or whatever."

Spahn: Well, we have a dog, which is very helpful, and often but not often enough, but we do often say, "OK, let's go on a long walk with her and not bring our phones, which is hard to do. We also take a lot of time to make our home as relaxing as possible, by the way in which we decorate it. We take a lot of care in the things that we have in our home, so that when we do come home, we can fully relax and let go of whatever we might be working on either together or apart.

How does acting opposite your partner differ from other actors?

Spahn: Yeah, I would say it's different. It's definitely different. I don't know about you, Michael, but you just know the person—we know each other so well that part of rehearsal is getting into a place where it feels like it's really happening, and I feel like, for people who know each other really well, you can feel when you're acting and you can tell when they're acting, and so I think that it's just something you have to clock because it's a part of rehearsal. You have to figure it out, and so there's going to be things that might feel false, if you want to call it that, because you're figuring it out. And I think I can be sensitive sometimes when I feel like I'm not where I want to be, either emotionally or whatever it is, but when you're with somebody you're very close to, that can be more vulnerable than when it's a complete stranger and they have nothing to compare it against.

Michael, what do you consider the most rewarding or enjoyable aspect of acting opposite Ryan?

Urie: I think he's very good, and I trust him as an actor, so I know that it's rare that you get to work with somebody who you know so well. Sometimes it's really exciting to work with someone you don't know at all, especially if there's any kind of "getting to know you" in the material. But doing this, we're playing complete strangers. In *Hamlet*, we played old friends. In our movie, we played ourselves, so we played a couple. We did this play by Stephen Belber called *Tape*, where we were old friends who know each other really, really well. It's really interesting to play complete strangers, but on the flip side of what Ryan was saying about wanting to feel authentic and always be authentic, because I know when I'm acting, and I know when he's acting, I also feel the freedom to really go for it because I trust him, and I know that he trusts me. I'm more willing to swing for the fences and fall on my face with him, which is really freeing because sometimes when you work with somebody you don't know and you're like, "I've got be good every time so that they like me and think I'm good and trust me," but sometimes you have to swing for the fences and make a mistake in order to learn. I find that easier with Ryan tha with a new actor or a stranger.

And Ryan, would you like to share the most rewarding aspect of acting with Michael?

Spahn: It's the best; he's fantastic. He's so alive and full, and it's thrilling, and we have such a good time doing it. And then when it's over, we can immediately talk about what we want to talk about. He's sort of the opposite of what I said before, because we know each other, there's no edit with what we can talk about. We can talk about whatever we need to right away, and so you get through rehearsal faster, almost, so you get more done in a shorter amount of time because you don't have to dance around not knowing somebody, so we just have such a great time.

Does being an acting couple offer any unique benefits?

Urie: I do think we were really lucky the last 16 months to have each other, not just because we weren't alone in quarantine, because we were able to work together and support each other. At the beginning of the pandemic, we put on the one-man play *Buyer and Cellar*, which I did on Broadway and all over the place, and we did it in our living room and streamed it for Broadway.com. That wouldn't have been possible if I lived alone, or it would have been very different if I had lived alone and didn't have somebody like Ryan—we've made movies together, we had created content together. So suddenly thinking about turning our apartment into a movie studio or a streaming live TV studio was an easy transition. And then we put on a little play together as actors that was streamed live for MCC in our apartment, and then we acted opposite each other in Zoom readings. And what was the other one?

Spahn: I made my movie, and there was a voice-over part that I needed it, and I could just walk to the other side of the house and be like, "Michael, can you record all of these lines? Because I need to edit them into a movie right now."

Urie: It was just very easy to collaborate; it was very easy to support one another. Oh, and the other thing was *The Bite*! We were cast together in a TV show that was shot for Spectrum TV called *The Bite* with Audra McDonald, and it was done remotely. Everyone did their parts remotely, so they sent us all of this equipment, we set it all up in our apartment, and we shot a TV show together in our apartment. We were not only able to support each other through the pandemic emotionally, we were able to support each other creatively, professionally, and because we were both actors and we lived together and we were quarantined together, we got work. And this (*The Zoo Story*) is an example of that, too. Now it's a little different than when we first came up with it, but this was a pandemic project that we booked because we're together. So that's really great, and that was true before the pandemic, but it definitely helped us during the pandemic being two actors who live together and are quarantined together was good for us.

Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. For tickets to At Home at the Zoo, *visit guildhall.org.*

Victoria's SECRETS

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Oh, Claire, how I miss you!

It was Aug. 16, 2020, almost a year ago, when **Claire Shulman** closed her eyes forever. Oh, how I miss her!

Her children, the accomplished renowned oncologist son **Dr. Larry Shulman** and her astronaut daughter **Dr. Ellen Shulman Baker**, invited me to the unveiling of her headstone. Headstones are usually unveiled a year after a loved one's loss, according to Jewish tradtion.

Driving to the New Montifiore Cemetery in West Babylon I had quiet time to reflect on my dearest friend and all she had meant to me, her family, her friends and her community.

Her career as a public servant set her in a category with few people in our time. She put more shovels in the ground in Queens than anyone since perhaps **Robert Moses**. His were controversial; hers were golden additions to our beloved borough.

It was she who found the funds for the expansion of the Queens Museum and for the New York Hall of Science, the Flushing Meadow Corona Park Pool, the U.S. Open facility, Queens Hospital Center, and more projects touching nearly every neighborhood in Queens. Her extraordinary efforts in her 16 years of service were stopped only by term limits.

But she didn't stop there. Only two weeks before her death she was still running the Flushing redevelopment project to restore the waterfront.

She was as strong in her career as Queens Borough President as she was in her friendships.

She adored "her" **Ellen**, her **Larry**, her beloved sister **Ruth**, and all her grandchildren and then great-granddaughter. But they all lived out of town, her sister as far as Utah, and her daughter in Houston. So her friends — I was lucky to be one — adored her and she doted on us and nurtured us as if we were family members.

For me her daily calls were fun-filled with gossip, family worries and news of our work and worlds. I could go on and on. How I miss Claire!

I miss her encouragement . One day she called me and said, "Hey, Vicki, that was a great article you wrote. You are really a good writer!" It was the best compliment I ever received!

In the decades I've been writing it, no one has ever said that. Coming from Claire, a serious taskmaster — just ask her staff — it was an enormous compliment.

I miss you so much, Claire.

Having my best friend gone is like having a hole in my heart. Each of us at the gravesite reminded each of us of the special love she gave us. The overwhelming feeling of those gathered around was said succinctly by her son-in-law Ken Baker: "We all thought she would live forever "

Well, she does, in my heart — but Claire, I miss you.

Dearest friend Claire with husband Mel and me with my late husband Stu on a Baltic cruise

A little dubious of the hawk at the SOFO fundraiser

JOYOUS EVENTS

One of the privileges of being publisher of *Dan's Papers* is to support and attend the events held by many nonprofit groups benefiting the East End, the North and South Forks. The South Fork is the Hamptons, the North Fork is our Napa Valley-like wine country.

This weekend I had the privilege of attending the South Fork Natural History Museum's (SOFO) annual benefit held on its grounds. The mission of the nonprofit, founded in 1989, is to "stimulate interest in, advance knowledge of, and foster appreciation for the natural environment," emphasizing the unique natural history of Long Island's South Fork.

Diana Aceti, the director of development, greeted me and directed me to the cocktail party. An unexpected guest was a magnificent golden hawk.

As he quietly, gracefully sat on his caretaker's arm, I felt it was safe to approach him. Remarkably, the wild bird accepted the attention of dozens of people hawking at the hawk. Calmly, almost proudly, the hawk took in the crowd as I stared at him in awe.

But there were some remarkable humans there too.

I walked over to a knoll spotting two poles with unique bird feeders on the tips. The white gourds on the poles are nesting boxes for the Purple Martin birds.

Two couples were watching the little birds flying about . They explained that these special birds flock in enormous numbers to the refuge then leave in the middle of August to migrate south. Remarkable !

At the cocktail hour the family were giving out samples of their unique drink Doña Sarita Mezcal. What impressed me was that the winemakers were also the owners of the Ace Hardware in East Hampton for 50 years.

Jonathan explained that this drink was a tribute to his mother's Dominican roots. It's sold locally at Park Place Wines & Liquors in East Hampton.

The joyful family oozed with pride and joy.

One of the guests at the benefit was **Dick Grassi** of Grassi & Co., who is one of the sponsors of the ongoing **SculpTour**. Also seen was **Frederico Azevedo, Alex Cohen, Jocelyn Ranucci,** and **Catherine Ellams.**

As always friends **Todd Shapiro** and **Jean Shafroff** were in attendance as were hundreds others.

A great event for a great cause on a picture-perfect night. It doesn't get better than this!

Wayne and Alice Whitmore at SOFO

John and Heather Shemilt at the bird feeders

CAUTION!

Home is Where the... Extreme Tick Danger is!

Now that we're all breathing a sigh of relief as COVID-19 ebbs, it turns out we're in the midst of the worst tick season in recent memory. If that isn't scary enough, forecasters say cases of Lyme disease in 2021 will also set records. Last winter was one of the warmest on record. That, combined with waves of hot and humid weather have caused tick populations to explode. **Even more significant, are you aware that approximately 70% of people who contract Lyme Disease each year are bitten by ticks in *their own yard?*** And that cases of tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme Disease, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Anaplasmosis have more than doubled in the last 15 years? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as 476,000 Americans are diagnosed with Lyme disease each year. Who knows just how many dangerous, disease-carrying ticks are hiding in tall grass in your yard? Especially this summer, when people who have been homebound and cooped up because of COVID-19 want to get out of the house to garden and spend time in their yards — *where the ticks are*. Lyme disease or any dangerous tick disease is the last thing you need right now. How can you protect yourself and your family? Call us now. For nearly 25 years, we have provided the most effective, environmentally-responsible year-round tick prevention program possible. So don't take a chance with your family's safety, call East End Tick & Mosquito Control today for a free, no-obligation estimate.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

80 Galleries Join Market Art + Design in Bridgehampton

BY DAVID TAYLOR

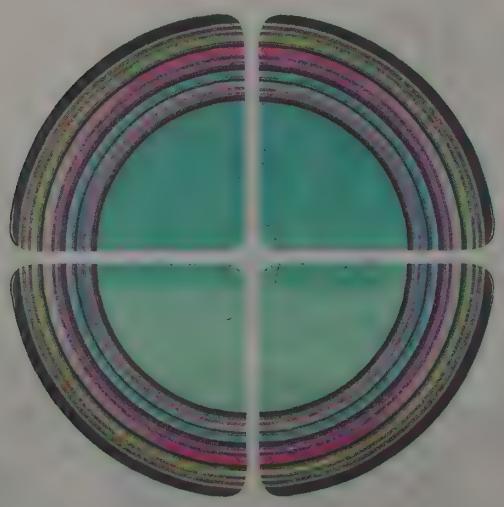
The East End's longest-running art and design fair is making its return to the Hamptons. After last year's fair, and every other 2020 art exhibition, was presented exclusively online, Market Art + Design is coming home to the Bridgehampton Museum August 12–15.

While the fair's roster of 80 respected galleries from around the world rivals that of the 2019 event, this year's fair showcases a changed art community—one that's weathered a year unlike any we've ever seen by coming together in support of artists, gallery owners and art lovers. The galleries of Market Art + Design's 11th edition have proven their resilience and their importance to the communities they serve.

Let's meet some of the most the fair's most anticipated participating galleries from the East End and beyond.

An annual winner in the Dan's Best of the Best Hamptons Art Gallery category, The White Room Gallery in Bridgehampton is known for its provocative contemporary paintings, photography, mixed media and sculptures. Owners Andrea McCafferty and Kat O'Neill are looking to wow Market Art + Design visitors with an especially wide array of art media, ranging from blown glass to LEGO art to the classics by artists such as Chad Knight, Joseph Kraham, Jane Waterous, Seek One, Lynn Savarese, Russell Young, Craig Alan and others.

With locations in New York City and East Hampton, Chase Contemporary was founded in 2017 by former owner of Symbolic Motor Company and RM Auctions Bernie Chase and it has quickly garnered global recognition with their wide assortment of works by contemporary masters and emerging artists.



MARK KNOERZER'S "LUMIERES," INCLUDED IN THE M. FINE ARTS GALERIE EXHIBITION

Located in Greenport, the art hub of the North Fork, VSOP Projects shows off its evolving collection of antique, contemporary and modern art pieces, design objects and fine furnishings year-round.

Closed for more than 25 years, AB NY Gallery recently relaunched in East Hampton with director Sarah Scribner at the helm. She intends to collaborate with other galleries, curators and brands and support charitable causes aimed at bo the arts.

Founded in 2014, the Quogue Gallery's mission is to present artistic excellence by showcasing the art of emerging to prominent modernist artists, as well as uncovering the abstract expressionist works that may have fallen through the cracks of history

Home to contemporary and 20th-century works by emerging, established and blue-chip artists, Southampton's MM Fine Art welcomes visitors year-round and contributes to the village's growing reputation as the art hub of the Hamptons.

In 2004, the Mark Borghi Gallery opened in Bridgehampton after the smashing success of the gallery's NYC location. The gallery has wowed its guests with works by Jean Michel Basquiat, Richard Prince, Christopher Wool, Roy Lichtenstein and Willem de Kooning, and now they're planning to wow visitors at the Market Art + Design fair.

Monika Olko Gallery in Sag Harbor focuses on unique and contemporary art and innovative exhibitions. The gallery has been a staple in the village's cultural foundation for years.

With years of experience as an art consultant, Julia Keyes of Sag Harbor-based Keyes Art Gallery has honed her talent for discovering and showcasing masterpieces, so the surprises awaiting at her Market Art + Design table are sure to dazzle.

Bridgehampton's Chase Edwards Contemporary specializes in contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography, representing international artists in various stages of their art careers. Under the leadership of President Bonnie Edwards, the gallery recently opened a second location in Palm Beach.

Cutting edge minimalism, colorful pop art, urban street art and more can be found at Karyn Mannix Contemporary in East Hampton. For their Market Art + Design exhibition, they'll be presenting works by Beth Barry, Dell Cullum, James Koskinas, Setha Low, Angela LaSalle, Gerald Gilberti and several other talented artists.

CHAD KNIGHT'S "ARTISTIC BEAUTY," INCLUDED IN THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY EXHIBITION

As one of South Florida's oldest and most prestigious fine art galleries, New River Fine Art presents original works and fine prints from impressionist, 20th century, post-war and contemporary masters, and mid-career and emerging artists, making it the premier visual arts gallery in South Florida. For Market Art + Design 2021, New River Fine Art is exhibiting at booth #C21 and showcasing artwork from Mr. Brainwash, Alex Gabriel Bernstein, Andrew Cotton, Estella Fransbergen, Pietro and Riccardo Ferro, Jennifer JL Jones, Takashi Murakami, Pose, Marlene Rose, Hunt Slonem and Bertil Vallien. The gallery infuses its impressive selection of masterworks with fresh offerings from contemporary painters, sculptors and glass artists to create a collection that is both historically important and current with today's art market.

French gallery Galerie L'Atelier will present works by Eric Ceccarini, Aldara Ortega, Cat Sirot, Jean-Michel Lenoir, Nicolas Auvray and others at this year's event. The gallery provides an active working platform for artists, giving them the chance to showcase their works in many a prestigious venue.

Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery in London has been in business for three decades, building an international reputation for innovation, individuality, energy and excellence. The gallery places special emphasis on Aboriginal and non-Western artists.

Founded in Japan in 1996, SEIZAN Gallery now boasts locations in Tokyo and NYC, and a roster of nearly 50 contemporary artists and modern masters. It's safe to say the Tokyo gallery is the most far-off gallery featured Art Market + Design.

Other galleries on the star-studded roster—hailing from New York, Florida, Texas, California, Mexico and Canada—include 917 Fine Arts, Adamar Fine Arts, Ai Bo Gallery, Alessandro Berni Gallery, amArtHouse, Analog Contemporary, Andrei Art Gallery, ARDT Gallery, Art Bond NY, Art Unified, ArtBlend, Arte Collective, Bahr Gallery, Benrimon Editions, Burgess Modern + Contemporary, CAM Galería, Carousel Fine Art, Claire Carino Contemporary, Clark Priftis Art, Clark Gallery, Contempop Gallery, Contessa Gallery, DMD Contemporary, Evan Lurie Gallery, Galerie Fledermaus, Galleria Ca' d'Oro, Gallery 23 NY, Gallery M, George Billis Gallery, Gugsa Black Arts, Gürdal Bibo Fine Art, JD Gallery, JDLH Advisory, Joysetta & Julius Pearse African American Museum of Nassau County, Lawrence Fine Art, Lilac Gallery, Lynn Savarese Photography, M. Fine Arts Galerie, NYC Art Collective, Sponder Gallery, UEAST 75 Gallery and West Chelsea Contemporary.

With the fair's redesigned space creating wider aisles and public areas, visitors can explore the featured modern and contemporary art safely and can take a step back to really reflect on what it took to create and showcase the artistry on display. A select VIP preview begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 12 and runs until the official opening evening from 5–9 p.m. Public hours through the rest of the fair are 11 a.m.–7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m.–6 p.m. on Sunday, August 15.

Market Art + Design takes place at the Bridgehampton Museum, located at 2368 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. For tickets, visit artmarkethamptons.com/tickets.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dan's Papers Kite Fly Returns August 8:

Build Your Kites Now

BY DAN RATTINER

The Dan's Papers Kite Fly is coming. You'll find it from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on the Sag Main Beach in Sagaponack on Sunday, August 8.

It's easy to get to. Just head south on Sagg Main from the post office and look up in the sky off in the distance in front of you. Hundreds of kites will be up there already because some of the folks come a little early and like to get a head start. Head for the kites.

Up closer, you should be able to follow the kite strings down if the sun is shining a certain way. The strings lead to just beyond the dunes and to the beach itself. There's stuff going on there. It's the 43rd running of the annual Dan's Papers Kite Fly at Sagg Main Beach. And you and your family are invited to join. No charge.

What's the draw? Twelve prizes will be awarded: highest flying, most newsworthy, most colorful, smallest, scariest, funniest, kite with the longest tail, oldest kite flier, most patriotic, most beautiful, best homemade kite, and if you've read this far, you know you'd better get started. You and your kids will need string, glue, balsa wood, paints and a whole lot of other things to make an original kite (that actually flies.)

Registration? Nope! Just park, walk out to the beach and get your kite up—a specially homemade one or a store-bought one. (The homemade ones have a better shot at a prize.)

But don't get me wrong. Store-bought kites can look pretty good, too. And part of the thrill of this event is to join a great herd in the sky for a little while. (It feels good.)

Kite judging begins with the blowing of a bullhorn from flight command (two banquet tables side by side on the beach with employees of *Dan's Papers* giving everybody who shows up some kind of gift). And it ends with the second blowing of the bullhorn announcing the end of judging.

BARBARA LASSEN

THE DAN'S PAPERS KITE FLY IS A BIG HIT WITH FAMILIES YEAR AFTER YEAR!

In the interim, everyone will be entertained by Jim Turner and his bluegrass band, people face painting all the kids and various other characters. Anyone out there know of a magician with a black cape and cane who'd like to be part of this?

Anyway, winners are tapped on the shoulder at the end and told to come to flight command for the prize or a certificate to take to merchants who are offering the prizes.

And the judges' decisions are final. These are highly trained, specially selected individuals with master's degrees and Ph.D.s in kite judging. Wearing the same beach garb that the kite fliers themselves wear, they wander among the entrants unnoticed for 45 minutes looking for who's at the end of the string so they can tap them on the shoulder when the judging ends. Let them do their jobs.

Between the sea spray, the sand, the surf and the sun, it will be a wonderful day.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

9 Decades of Guild Hall Historical Highlights

Serving as the epicenter of the East Hampton arts community for 90 years, Guild Hall has been a key player in many cultural developments and newsworthy moments throughout the village's history. Take a journey through nine decades of historical highlights at Guild Hall.

1930s:

— Founded by philanthropist Mary Woodhouse, Guild Hall opens on August 19, 1931, in the depths of the Great Depression, and becomes the first cultural center in the country to combine a theater, museum and community meeting place.

— Later that year, Cornelia Otis Skinner is the first star to grace the stage of the John Drew Theater, appearing in her one-woman show, *The Six Wives of Henry VIII.*

— WWII brings the community together, with bandages being made at Guild Hall for the Red Cross.

— Guild Hall becomes a favorite of Edith "Little Edie" Bouvier Beale.

— In 1939, Guild Hall exhibits a show with watercolors from the New Deal WPA arts project.

1940s:

— To distract from the anxieties of war, 16 exhibitions are mounted in the summer of 1940 including one for Guild Hall architect Aymar Embury, II (best known for the Triboro, Henry Hudson and Bronx-Whitestone bridges).

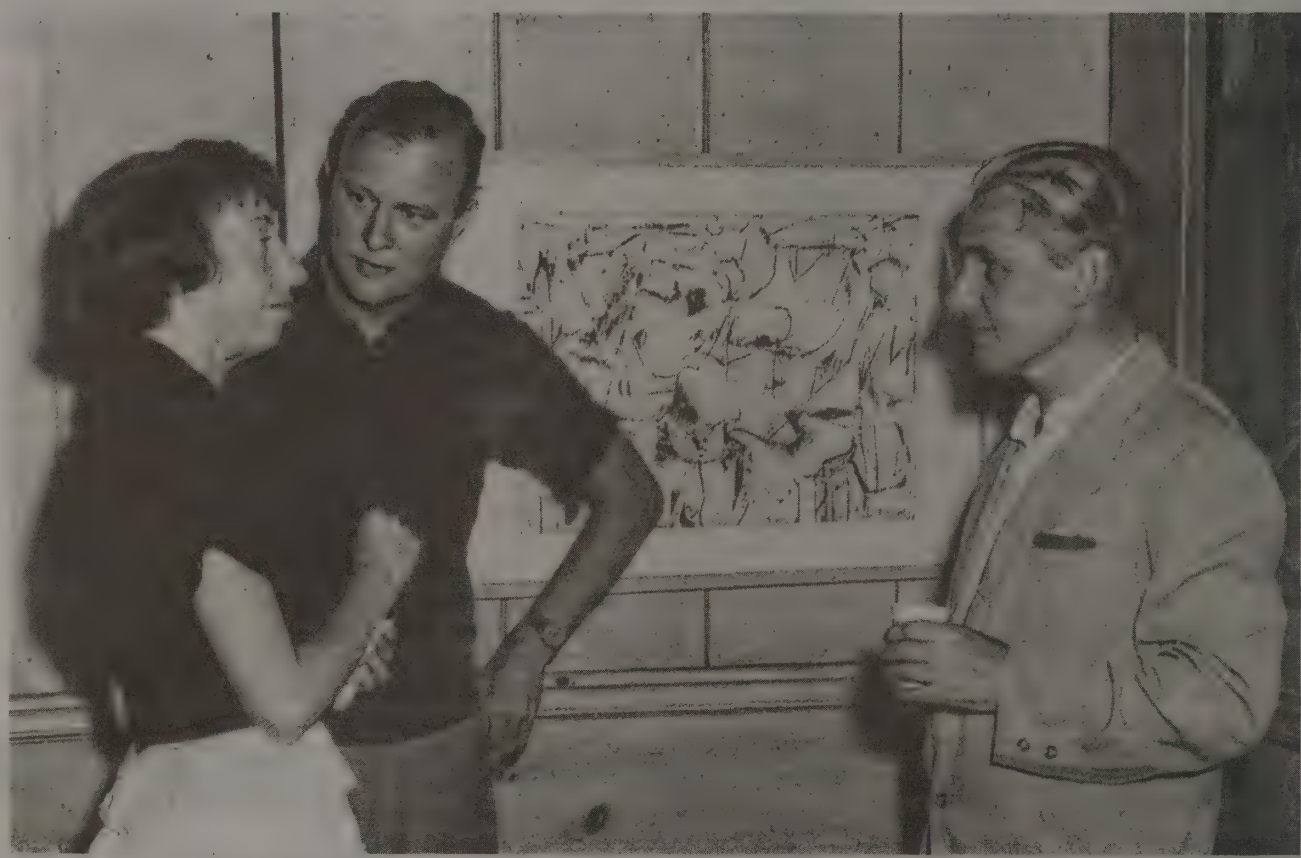
— In 1943, the Red Cross collects 240 pints of blood from 350 donors at Guild Hall, the largest amount taken anywhere in Suffolk County.

— During war years, one gallery is transformed into an officer's lounge, and there are regular dances for servicemen.

— Estelle Winwood opens a 10-play series with *The Royal Family.*

— In 1946, Thornton Wilder appears on the stage of the John Drew Theater in the role of stage manager for his Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Our Town.*

— In the summer of 1949, Guild Hall introduces Jackson Pollock, Lee Krasner and other abstract expressionists in *Seventeen Artists of Eastern Long Island.* During this time, Jackson Pollock's famous *Life* magazine article is released, catapulting him to superstardom while his work hung in Guild Hall's galleries.



COURTESY GUILD HALL

LEE KRASNER, ROBERT MOTHERWELL AND WILLEM DE KOONING AT THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL

1950s:

— Lee Marvin and Victor Jory appear onstage in *The Spider.*

— In 1951, you can visit Guild Hall and buy a Pollock for $250, a James Brooks for $350 and a Robert Motherwell for $200.

COURTESY GUILD HALL

LARRY RIVERS' BIRTHDAY CAKE SCULPTURE FOR GUILD HALL'S 50TH

— In 1951, Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon star in *Pal Joey.*

— In 1953, a selection from *Twelve East Hampton Collections* includes a Pollock from Daniel Miller, owner of the Springs General store where Pollock used to pay for groceries with art.

— In 1954, Lucille Manners appears in *Song of Norway.* Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn present *Face to Face,* ahead of coast-to-coast tour.

— In 1956, Truman Capote bids frantically for a wicker chair at Guild Hall's furniture auction.

— *Thirteen Artists of the Region,* with Pollock works, had just opened when Pollock was killed in an accident on August 11, 1956.

1960s:

— In 1960, *The Fantasticks,* struggling in its first year off-Broadway, visits Guild Hall for a short summer run and then returns to NYC in triumph, later becoming the world's longest running musical.

— Founder Mary Woodhouse dies in 1961 at age 96 and is mourned by all. Trustee tribute: "Guild Hall, enshrined in the hearts of all East Hampton, stands as a living memorial

to the generosity and vision of a truly great woman. For 30 years, drama and music have been fostered and have enriched lives. Mrs. Woodhouse's beauty, grace and understanding were qualities that glowed and inspired. Her prayerful interest in the purposeful Guild Hall has given strength to others to be worthy of the trust."

— Jeffrey Lynn stars in *Critic's Choice*.

— Spring Festival of the Arts, co-sponsored with Southampton College, bring theatrical stage and costume designers' works to the galleries, including Broadway model sets from Edward Albee's *Tiny Alice* and Peter Dohano's *Kataki*.

— Burglars break into Guild Hall in 1967 but enter an empty gallery, while another gallery was filled with priceless art for the upcoming exhibition *The Little Show*. This is the year of the first bank robbery and narcotics raid in East Hampton.

1970s:

— A new wing opens on June 6, 1970, *A Day in the Life of Guild Hall*, lasts all day, attracting over 2,000 visitors: The theater presents *Guys and Dolls* rehearsals, Max Pollikoff and his orchestra, concert pianist William Macellos, dancers, singers, sketching classes and tours.

— Christophe deMenil and Calvert Cogehshall arrange *Nineteenth-Century Country Art*.

— In 1972, Edward Albee serves as director of the John Drew Theater for the summer season.

— In 1973, American jazz drummer and bandleader Foreststorn "Chico" Hamilton performs a special concert for East Hampton school children while building a home in Springs.

— In 1973, Guild Hall receives accreditation from the American Association of Museums (at that time only 223 museums out of 5,600 receive this).

— Also in 1973, Gwen Verdon hosts a dance benefit for Guild Hall featuring Peter Gennaro, James Lipton, Cy Coleman, Carmen DeLavallade and Geoffrey Holder.

— Phoenix Theatre, with a reputation for 20 years of high-quality productions, signs on as resident company in 1974.

1980s:

— Guild Hall presents the world premiere of *April Song* with Glynis Johns (Helen Hayes comes to see her play the role she played 23 years prior with Richard Burton).

— *Alfonso Ossorio: 1940-1980* is curated by Judith Wolfe and presented in all three galleries and garden.

— In 1981, Guild Hall celebrates its 50th anniversary with 50 events.

— Three commemorative posters are created by Fernando Botero, Jane Freilicher and Larry Rivers

— The Guggenheim, MET, MOMA and the Whitney participate in the exhibition *East Hampton/New York: New York Museums Salute Guild Hall* at M. Knoedler & Co.

— In August of 1981, the *Night of Stars* revue brings back performers associated with Guild Hall's history including Betty Comden, Adolph Green, Uta Hagen, Sheldon Harnick, Helen Hayes, Anne Jackson, Eli Wallach and Carlos Montoya with special effects by a young Bran Ferren, who had just worked on the Broadway show *Frankenstein*. Larry Rivers creates a birthday cake sculpture of Guild Hall displayed in the foyer.

— In 1985, Guild Hall presents its first annual Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Awards to Kurt Vonnegut, Alan Alda and Willem de Kooning followed by the founding of the Academy of the Arts the following year by Roy Lichtenstein, Frank Perry, Peter Jennings, Elaine Steinbeck, Henry Geldzahler and more.

1990s–present:

— In 1996, Billy Joel performs a benefit concert at Guild Hall without taking a fee and with the first few rows being reserved for children. Later, Elvis Costello also performs a concert there—two of the biggest musicians in the world performing in this relatively small local theater.

— In 2006, Andy Warhol and Elizabeth Peyton exhibitions are prominently displayed in the galleries.

— In 2008, American Ballet Theater performs on the lawn of Mickey Straus's home to benefit Guild Hall.

— In 2009, phased renovation of the entire building is fully completed.

— In 2010, *Equus* is presented in the John Drew Theater for four sold-out weeks, starring Alec Baldwin and directed by Tony Walton.

— In 2018, Laurie Anderson's virtual reality exhibits, *Chalkroom* and *Aloft*, debut in the museum alongside her large-scale chalk drawings and a screening room playing her films.

— In 2019, Beyoncé secretly films scenes for Disney+'s *Black Is King* video album in the Guild Hall galleries during the *Ugo Rondinone: Sunny Days* exhibition.

— In 2021, Guild Hall celebrates 90 years with the release of the *Guild Hall for All* coffee table book and a season of programs inspired by their Academy of the Arts members, culminating in a birthday celebration on August 19 featuring the New York City Ballet and a silent dance party!

WALTER WEISSMAN

BILLY JOEL AT GUILD HALL'S WILLEM DE KOONING EXHIBITION

COURTESY GUILD HALL

BEYONCÉ RECORDING AT GUILD HALL

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Our Amazing History: Pyrrhus Concer's Life

BY DAN RATTINER

In 1897, a prominent resident of Southampton living on Pond Lane died at the age of 83. Pyrrhus Concer was important enough to have earned an obituary in *The New York Times* (dutifully reproduced in *The Southampton Press*), and at the service about him in the First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Meeting House Lane and Main Street, the speakers included the Rev. Jesse Halsey who, reading a poem he wrote about this man, described him as "good as gold."

With the service over, the great crowd moved to the Old North End Cemetery to oversee his interment. He was buried besides his wife Rachel, who predeceased him. His tombstone reads, "Though born a slave he possessed those virtues without which kings are but slaves," written by Elihu Root, a prominent neighbor of his who was also U.S. Secretary of State.

You may have read that the Village of Southampton is going to rebuild the modest home of this man. The house isn't there anymore, but the village has the pieces and may soon recreate it. Pyrrhus Concer was born a slave in Southampton in 1814, the son of Violet William and Shadrach Concer, also slaves. At the age of 5, Pyrrhus Concer was sold for $25 to Charles Pelletreau to work on the Pelletreau farm. Freed from bondage between the ages of 18 and 21 by the Pelletreau family, he went on to have an extraordinary life.

Free at last, Concer signed on to a Sag Harbor whaling ship to visit points unknown. These trips lasted a year or more, and during the next 11 years, he went on four of them, the most interesting being the last. He was boatsteerer aboard the Manhattan, captained by Mercator Cooper of Southampton when, in 1845 in the South Pacific, they rescued 11 Japanese sailors stranded on the Bonin Islands. Further along they rescued another 11 fishermen from a ship sinking beneath them.

PYRRHUS CONCER

COURTESY SOUTHAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

These men wished to be returned to Japan. But no foreign visitors were welcome in Japan. Anyone arriving was sent away or imprisoned. Nevertheless, they landed, creating quite a sensation. The Japanese had never before seen a Black man. Some tried rubbing the black off his skin. Others created paintings of this strange man. The emperor gave gifts. And this may have led the way to U.S. Navy Commodore Matthew Perry successfully landing in Japan eight years later, thus opening the country.

Concer returned to Southampton a fairly wealthy man from his whaling adventures. He became a prominent figure in town and raised two children. In 1848, he went west for the Northern California Gold Rush, but on returning home, he said it didn't get him much.

In later years, Concer ran a ferry service, taking passengers across Lake Agawam aboard his small sailboat from the center of town to the beach on the far shore. He didn't make much money doing it—he charged 10 cents a trip—but he enjoyed telling stories along the way. He knew everybody and everybody knew him.

Concer lived his last seven years alone; his wife predeceased him and his two boys died before achieving adulthood. He gifted his estate, totaling $5,000, to the church and other charities.

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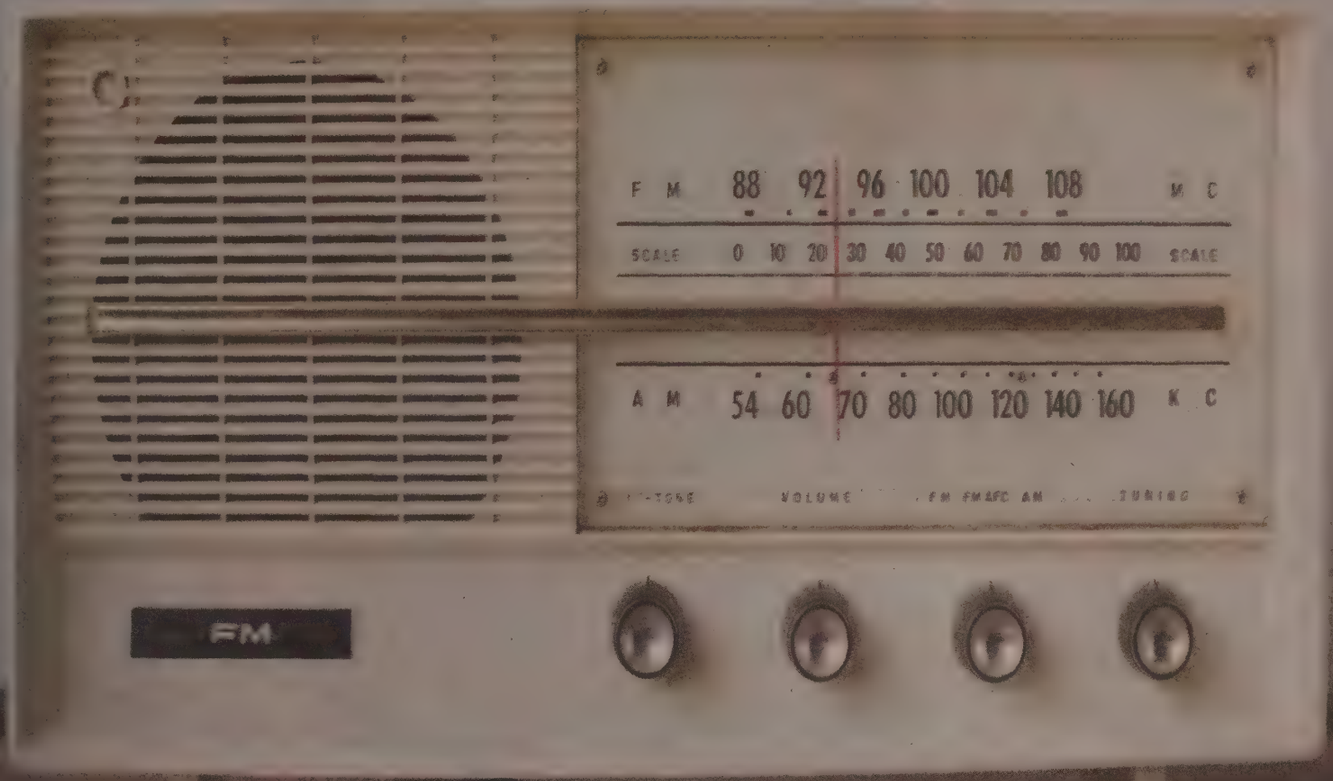
EAST END'S BEST MUSIC



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LIVE & LOCAL

Gary & Bill in the Morning 5:50-10am
Swap and Shop Mon-Sat 10am
Chris Buckhout Weekdays 11am-2pm
Brian Bannon Weekdays 2-6pm
Tony Marr Mon-Wed 6pm-Midnight
Chris Fiore Thu & Fri 6pm-Midnight
Ed Wright Sat-Sun 5:50-10am
"Lunch on the Deck" Jessica & Bill Sat 11am
Bonnie Grice Sat 3-6pm, Sun 10am-1pm
Mandi Sat 6pm-Midnight
Sunday with Selina Sun 1pm-8pm
Big Tom Lawler Overnights Mon-Sat
Bill Thomas Overnight Sun
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"Doo Wop Stop" w/Cool Bobby B Sun 9pm

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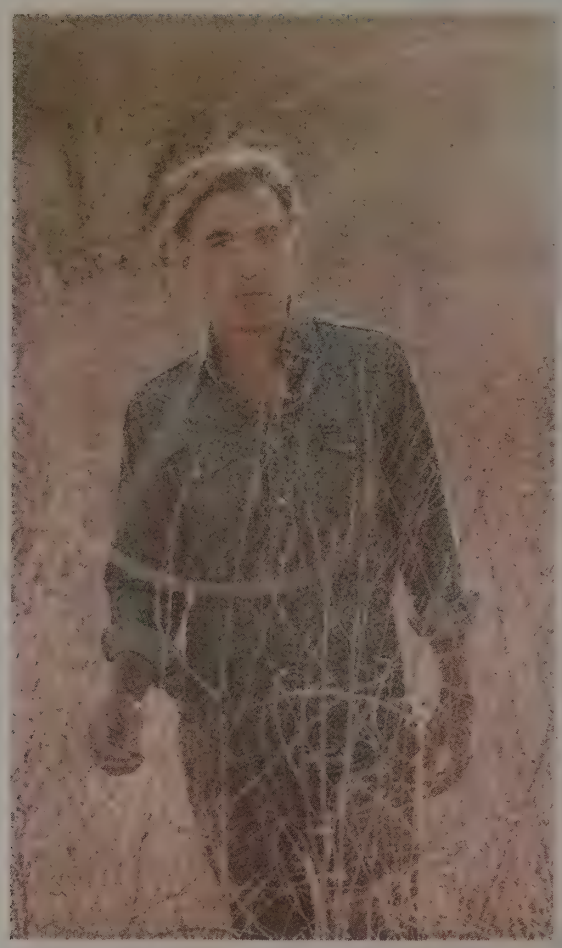

JAM WITH JOSHUA RADIN AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE OR SPEND THE DAY KITE FLYING WITH DAN RATTINER, OR BOTH!

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

LIVE SHOWS

GUILD HALL SUMMER GALA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 5 P.M.

In its 90th year, Guild Hall is celebrating with *Robert Longo: A House Divided*, a two-part exhibition featuring images that represent both how America was once perceived, as a country at the peak of its power and influence, and images that echo its current state of chaos and conflict. The event includes an exclusive preview of the exhibition, cocktails, dinner, music and more.

158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806, info@guildhall.org, guildhall.org

SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 5 P.M.

Don't miss this opportunity to support the flowers, birds and wildlife in five local gardens. Ticket prices include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live Bassa Nova jazz.

359 Wickapogue Road, Southampton. 917-688-7211, southamptonrose.org

JAZZ ON THE TERRACE: MICHAEL SARIAN'S NEW AURORA QUARTET

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 6 P.M.

Join Parrish Art Museum for an outdoor concert on the terrace, rain or shine. Register in advance, and don't forget to bring your own chairs. You may also watch the livestream of the concert on the Parrish's YouTube channel.

279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org

BANDE CARDIO FIT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 9:15 A.M.

Enjoy this pumpin' 45-minute class where you can get your cardio and sculpting done at the same time. Movements are designed to strengthen and lengthen. Register ahead of time on the Southampton Arts Center website.

25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org

BRIDGEHAMPTON CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL ANNUAL BENEFIT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 6:30 P.M.

Enjoy an evening of elegant music, cocktails and dinner at the Atlantic Golf Club. Reserve your seat ahead of time by phone or email.

1040 Scuttle Hole Road, Water Mill. 212-741-9403, info@bcmf.org, bcmf.org

JOSHUA RADIN AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 7 P.M.

Joshua Radin is an LA-based singer and songwriter who has sold over one million albums. Famous for his hit song "Brand New Day," Radin has performed alongside the likes of Ed Sheeran, Sheryl Crow and Tori Amos. Purchase tickets ahead of time on The Stephen Talkhouse website.

161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com

CROSSROADS SUMMER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 7-11 P.M. & SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 5-8 P.M.

The Watermill Center presents CROSSROADS: The Watermill Center's Summer Festival, a multi-day gathering exploring themes of ritual, healing, faith and hope through live performances, installations and film screenings. Purchase

39 Watermill Towd Road, Water Mill. 631-726-4628, watermillcenter.org

Hamptons EVENTS

CAMELOT: A CONCERT MUSICAL UNDER THE STARS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 5 P.M.

Enjoy a classic musical performance in the bucolic Hamptons outdoors in the field behind Carvel. Purchase tickets on the Bay Street Theater website ahead of time.

2011 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-725-0108, baystreet.org

EHHS SUMMER LECTURE LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 11 A.M.

For five years, the Summer Lecture Luncheon has brought together some of the best designers and architects from around the country for a day of fun, friends, food and support for the East Hampton Historical Society. Join Perry Guillot, founder of Perry Guillot Inc. Landscape Architecture, at the Maidstone Club as he discusses some of his remarkable projects.

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

David Netto, celebrated author and designer of interiors and furniture, will introduce Guillot and moderate a question and answer session following the talk.
50 Old Beach Lane, East Hampton. 631-324-6850, easthamptonhistory.org

SOUTHAMPTON AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM SUMMER BENEFIT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 5:30-8:30 P.M.
Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, an auction and even a VIP tour of the museum, which preserves and fosters an appreciation of African American culture. Register ahead of time by email or online.
136 Main Street, Southampton. 631-353-3299, events@saamuseum.org, saamuseum.org

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

NATURAL MEDICINES FROM THE HERB GARDEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 10 A.M.
Learn about the medicinal properties of the common garden during this tour of the Bridge Garden. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased by phone or email.
36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton. 631-283-3195, events@peconiclandtrust.org, peconiclandtrust.org

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 8.
Learn about Montauk's rich history with the Kings of the Coast Pirates, live militia re-enactments and more family fun at Montauk Lighthouse.
2000 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-8957, montaukhistoricalsociety.org

DAN'S PAPERS KITE FLY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 5:30–6:45 P.M.
East End families are invited to join *Dan's Papers* founder Dan Rattiner at Sagg Main Beach for a day of kite flying and other fun activities. Prizes are awarded to kites that excel in various categories.
315 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. DansPapers.com

NATURE AND BIRDWATCHING CRUISE ON THE PECONIC

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 9:45 A.M.
Explore the more remote areas of Shinnecock Bay onboard the research vessel of Stony Brook University. You'll explore birds, waterfowl and seals that populate the waters in the summer. Register via phone or email ahead of time.
377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org

"BOWIE: AQUA & GOLD" (ACRYLIC PAINT, SCREEN PRINT ON CANVAS) BY RUSSELL YOUNG ON VIEW AT THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY

VIRTUAL EVENTS

ZUMBA VIA ZOOM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 9:30 A.M.
Get your groove on and stay in tip-top shape from the comfort of your living room. Register ahead of time via phone or email to get the link from the Westhampton Free Library.
631-288-3335, whamprograms@gmail.com, westhamptonlibrary.net

VIRTUAL RACE OF HOPE RUN/WALK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 8:30 A.M.
Run wherever and whenever you want to raise money for depression research, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Tune in on race day to connect with race ambassadors and participants throughout the event or go solo and create your own race day fun any time and date you choose.
212-676-3200, hopefordepression.org

VIRTUAL "COOKING WITH CRAIG" FACEBOOK LIVE COOKING DEMO

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:30 P.M.
Chef Craig of the Block Island Seafood Company will have you sparkling up your kitchen with his recipe for Firecracker Shrimp over quinoa and veggie salad. He'll be broadcasting live from his home on the Hampton Bays Public Library Facebook page. Simply click the link on the library calendar to attend.
631-728-6241, dvalle@hamptonbayslibrary.org, hamptonbayslibrary.org

LONG ISLAND LIGHTHOUSES WITH ECO-PHOTO EXPLORERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:30 P.M.
Explore Long Island's most fascinating lighthouses from Coney Island to Montauk through this virtual experience presented by the Rogers Memorial Library. You can register online ahead of time.
631-283-0447, programs@myrml.org, rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com

ART EXHIBITIONS

BRUCE HELANDER

ON VIEW THROUGH AUGUST 15.
Enjoy this unique collage series that utilizes vintage paper printed during the 19th and 20th centuries. Bruce Helander's work has been featured in the Guggenheim, Whitney and Smithsonian museums.
4 North Main Street, Southampton. 631-259-2272, mmfineart.com

ONCE AROUND

ON VIEW THROUGH AUGUST 15.
The White Room Gallery's third summer 2021 exhibition, *Once Around*, presents works by Russell Young that celebrate the lives of pop icons who lived life to the fullest.
2415 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-237-1481, thewhiteroom.gallery

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

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CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

North Fork EVENTS

LIVE SHOWS

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 5 P.M.

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11280 Peconic Bay Blvd, Mattituck. 631-298-9103, mattituckparkdistrict.org

DJ SPIN DIESEL AT CLAUDIO'S

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 9:30 P.M.

Enjoy eclectic mixes after the sun goes down at one of North Fork's most popular indoor-outdoor venues. Claudio's is known for its fun specialty cocktails and tasty seafood apps.

111 Main Street, Greenport. 631-477-0627, claudios.com

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 11 A.M.

The North Fork TV Festival's new Pitch Forum will bring emerging creators with new television or digital series at American Beech, providing them with curated project and pitch guidance. Each participating creator will attend the forum with a series concept, treatment and completed pilot screenplay.

300 Main Street, Greenport. northfork.tv

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

APERITIVO!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 7 P.M.

Each Friday, enjoy a little extra zest with your bubbly at the Terra Vite Winery & Vineyard. Choose from $3 off a glass of wine or an Aperitivo box with one glass of wine and three Italian snacks for $15.

250 Manor Lane, Jamesport. 631-722-3416, terravitevineyard.com

LOBSTER BBQ FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 3 P.M.

Join this fun fundraiser for the Riverhead Elks Club. The $50 ticket includes a whole lobster, half a chicken, shrimp cocktail, beer, wine, soda and more! There will also be a DJ and raffles.

1239 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-729-2027, elks2044@aol.com

VIRTUAL EVENTS

ZUMBA GOLD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 9:30 A.M.

Shake and groove to tangy Latin music from the privacy of your living room. The class is suitable for an experienced Zumba-mover, but modifications are available for beginners. Register ahead of time on the Cutchogue New Suffolk Library website.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

GARDENING WITH DEER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 7 P.M.

It can be tricky to maintain annuals, perennials and shrubs when the local deer love to sample your harvest! Learn to create an attractive yard that stays intact even with deer in the neighborhood.

13900 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4134, mattitucklaurellibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

BILL MILLER IN THE GARDEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 10 A.M.

View collages and complex arrangements by returning artist Bill Miller, as well as sculptures by Gloria Kisch. Tickets are free and the event is open to the public.

1 Charlies Lane, Shelter Island. diefirmanyc.com

URBANESQUE II, NYC

ON VIEW THROUGH AUGUST 22.

View these fascinating renderings of New York City through photography, painting and mixed media. The works chosen for Alex Ferrone Gallery focus on the simplicity found in the chaos of city life.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545, alexferronegallery.com

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

ON VIEW THROUGH OCTOBER 30.

View photos, paintings and maps of the open spaces on Shelter Island. The Shelter Island Historical Society is open from Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

16 South Ferry Avenue, Shelter Island. 631-749-0025, shelterislandhistorical.org

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

SWIM WITH THE MERMAIDS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

Your little one won't want to miss this opportunity to swim with a "real" mermaid through the Shark Reef Lagoon at the Long Island Aquarium. Call ahead to reserve your time spot at 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m. or 2:45 p.m.

431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, longislandaquarium.com

CHILDREN'S ORIGAMI AT THE EAST HAMPTON LIBRARY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 3 P.M.

Children will use patterned folding pages to create cats, goldfish and sailboats. Register your child ahead of time on the East Hampton Library website.

159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

HARBES FAMILY FARM PEACH HARVEST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 10 A.M.

Enjoy barnyard animals, a flower farm and pig races with your whole family at Harbes Family Farm. And don't forget about pick-your-own peaches and a little wine for mommies and daddies.

715 Sound Avenue, Mattituck. 631-482-7641, harbesfamilyfarm.com

RIVERHEAD CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

The cardboard boat race is one of the summer's most fun family events along the Peconic Riverfront. Race in various categories, including the Youth Regatta, Riverhead Yacht Club Regatta, Grand National Regatta and Outlaw Race for prizes like best spirit, Titanic sinking, best constructed and most creative.

40 Peconic Avenue, Riverhead. 631-440-1350, downtownriverhead.org

DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATER/TIKTOK CAMP AND CLASSES

AUGUST 9-13, 3:30 P.M.

Little one ages 4-11 will enjoy the opportunity to learn about singing, dancing and directing with a TikTok-flavored class. All kiddos will get a video keepsake to take home. Register online ahead of time.

151 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton. 631-259-7707, littlebarntheatre.com

THE ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOAT RACE IN RIVERHEAD

FUN FAMILY ATTRACTIONS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

THE ALL STAR

Reserve a bowling lane, hit the arcade, play billiards and dine at the in-house All Star Grill, all at this exciting entertainment venue.

96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-3565,theallstar.com

AMAGANSETT BEACH AND BICYCLE

Pedal-loving tots will love the opportunity to rent bikes along with their family for half-days, days or even weeks at a time. Kids' bikes, baby seats and baskets are all available for rent.

1 Cross Highway, Amagansett. 631-267-6325, amagansettbeachco.com

THE FUDGE COMPANY

Kiddos with a sweet tooth will love this opportunity to enjoy homemade fudge, saltwater taffy and yummy penny candies. You can also order frozen yogurt, ice cream and a chillin' variety of toppings.

67 Main Street, Southhampton. 631-283-8108, southamptonfudgecompany.com

GEMELLI GELATO OF THE HAMPTONS

Parents and little sweeties alike will love this classy cafe where you can enjoy Belgian waffles, milkshakes and even candy. Check out the seven different flavors of waffle cones and ask about the featured flavor.

139 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-594-5600, gemelligelatohamptonbays.com

GREENPORT CAROUSEL

Enjoy family fun in Greenport with this 100-year-old carousel for only $2 a ride. Through Labor Day weekend, you can visit the attraction every day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

115 Front Street, Greenport. 631-477-2200, villageofgreenport.org

JERRI'S CAKERY AND CONFECTIONS

Fantastic homemade cakes, cupcakes and cookies await your little guests. Call ahead to request high-tea service!

59 Montauk Highway, Westhampton. 631-223-8996, jerricakes.com

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF LONG ISLAND

Every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy toy trains and exhibitions at the Greenport location. Admission is $8 for adults and $4 for children ages 5-12. Little kids under age 5 visit for free.

440 Fourth Street, Greenport. 631-477-0439, rmli.org

SAG HARBOR CINEMA

The recently re-opened, nonprofit movie theater is currently screening both new big-budget Hollywood productions, as well as older classics and indie films.

90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0010,sagharborcinema.org

SOUTHAMPTON GOLF RANGE

Check out this 18-hole mini-golf course complete with batting cages and a driving range. You can also stop by the snack bar for some classic burgers and fries.

699 County Road 39, Southampton. 631-283-2158

Out & About with the *Kids*

YUMMYLICIOUS!

Little ones who love bubble tea will enjoy this little gem in front of Sag Harbor's windmill and wharf. Enjoy your tea, frozen yogurt or milkshake as you saunter up to the waterfront on a warm summer night.

2 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-223-8112, yummylicioussagharbor.com

FOOD & DRINK

Hamptons vs NYC Chefs: Pick the Winning Dish at Dan's GrillHampton

Dan's Chefs of the Hamptons, Chefs of the North Fork and Rosé Soirée were massive hits with New York foodies who came to the East End to taste and celebrate the finest cuisine the region has to offer. Now, however, comes the annual event that begs the question: Which region has the better cuisine, the Hamptons or New York City? That's right, it's once again almost time for Dan's GrillHampton, aptly presented by Hamptons and NYC meat delivery service Piccinini Brothers!

This succulent showdown hits Nova's Ark Project in Water Mill, likely the coolest sculpture park you'll ever have the chance of dining at, on Friday, August 20, 7–9:30 p.m.

Early bird tickets are on sale now for $99, and VIP tickets can be snagged for $250, granting a truly luxury experience including priority entry at 6:15 p.m. (45 minutes before doors open for general admission), exclusive lounge seating, an interactive bubbly and seafood bar, plus specialty drinks you won't find elsewhere at the event.

Two talented teams of local and city chefs will go head to head on their grilling and smoking stations, each trying to win the hearts, tummies and votes of guests and judges. And just WOW, look at these stacked rosters!

JENNILEE MORRIS & ADAM KAUFER of Grace & Grit
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DAVID BLYDENBURGH of Sydney's "Taylor" Made Cuisine
PETER AMBROSE of Events by Peter Ambrose
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MIKE PUMA of Gotham Social Club
CENOBIO CANALIZO of Morgan's Brooklyn BBQ
MATTHEW FISCHER of Queens Custom BBQ
JASE FRANKLYN of Jase's BBQ
MARK ROSATI of Shake Shack
MARIO CHAPE of Big Papa Smoke'm BBQ

GrillHampton guests will be spread out, seated al-fresco style and served samples of each chef's delicious dish, washing it down with refreshing cocktails, wine and beer. At the end of the night, guests place their votes for the very best dish of the evening, and awards will be given out to the victorious team and its all-star chefs and pitmasters. But seriously, with all the mouthwatering beef, pork, chicken, seafood and veggie dishes being served, the guests are the biggest winners here.

And if the fierce competition and grilled goodies aren't enough to entice you, then get ready to dance with Dan's Taste Entertainment presented by Mohegan Sun. DJ Phresh will be spinning all the latest hits, keeping the good vibes flowing all night long.

As is Dan's Taste tradition, a portion of ticket proceeds will benefit local 501(c)(3) organizations such as All For The East End. AFTEE raises funds for more than 1,000 East End charity organizations and directly aids people in need through its Feed the Need program.

If you're hungry for even more East End food, wine and celebration, you won't want to miss Dan's Taste of Two Forks, which returns to Nova's Ark for another round of fun the following evening, Saturday, August 21!

And if you're planning on inviting your whole squad, you can email wwhalen@schnepsmedia.com to enquire about special pricing and perks for groups of eight or more.

For tickets to Dan's GrillHampton, visit squadup.com/events/dans-grillhampton-session-2. And to learn more about all Dan's Taste 2021 events, visit DansTaste.com.

DAN'S TASTE FOOD & DRINK

Dan's Taste of Two Forks Returns to Water Mill August 21

The East End's premier tasting experience, and one of the most popular events of summer, Dan's Taste of Two Forks is back for its 10th year to showcase the very best food and wine from the Hamptons and North Fork.

Part of a blockbuster Dan's Taste weekend at Nova's Ark Project in Water Mill, the big food and wine celebration kicks off Saturday, August 21 from 7–9:30 p.m.

Your $99 ticket includes unlimited food, cocktails, wine and beer. VIP ticket holders will also enjoy a luxury experience complete with priority entry 45 minutes before the doors open, interactive bubbly and seafood bar, exclusive lounge seating and specialty drinks all night long! Only a limited number of VIP tickets are being offered so they will sell out fast!

This, of course, follows the mighty Dan's GrillHampton Presented by Piccinini Brothers—the ultimate grill-off featuring chefs from Manhattan to Montauk and a panel of celebrity judges—on Friday, August 20, so don't forget your $99 tickets to that party as well.

Bringing together the greatest restaurants and wineries from the North and South Forks, Dan's Taste of Two Forks has an unbelievable roster of top chefs and winemakers serving the finest bites and sips on the East End, along with specialty cocktails, cold beer and more. This al fresco event at the magical sculpture garden is the perfect place to enjoy the beautiful summer night while indulging in the best of the best this region has to offer.

And it's all set to music from DJ Phresh, brought to us by Mohegan Sun, who will keep both Dan's Taste of Two Forks and GrillHampton parties jumping. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit 501(c)(3) organizations including All For The East End (AFTEE), which showcases and provides support to more than 1,000 charity organizations in the five East End towns.

Bringing friends? We've got you covered. Email wwhalen@schnepsmedia.com today for group sales, pricing and perks (available for groups of eight or more).

Visit DansTaste.com for more details, including participating chefs and sponsors. And for tickets, head straight to squadup.com/events/dans-taste-of-two-forks-session-1.

BARBARA LASSEN

TASTY BITES AT DAN'S TASTE OF TWO FORKS

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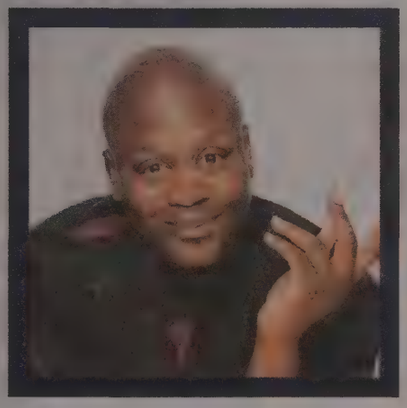

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FOOD & DRINK

La Fondita's Chef, Montauk Dining & More

BY HARRY POWERS

La Fondita Chef de Cuisine Juan Geronimo's authentic Mexican food is reminiscent of the cuisine of his native Acapulco. He credits a youth spent in the family's kitchen, where his mother and grandmother were always cooking, and frequent excursions to the markets, as the inspirations for his career. Prior to La Fondita in Amagansett, Geronimo sharpened his skills in the notable kitchens of East Hampton's Nick & Toni's and Rowdy Hall, as well as at East Hampton Point and La Placita in Holivera, CA. He notes that the dishes he loves and grew up eating, which now populate the La Fondita menu, are "foods of celebration," and daily homemade specials—which might include chili rellenos, barbacoa, tacos al pastor, mole and tamales—are some of his favorites to craft. Joan Reminick of *Newsday* once said of La Fondita, "If you're craving authentic Mexican food on a beautiful summer day, the search ends here." Geronimo, an avid soccer fan, resides in East Hampton with his wife and son.

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Last time Food Seen covered the Montauk restaurant scene, many of the following eateries weren't open. For farm-to-table bites by the sea, visit **La Fin**. The St. Barth's-esque waterfront restaurant partners with 20 local farms to bring their diners the freshest ingredients. Think sustainably caught fish and responsibly sourced meats. From fresh pressed juices, vegan and gluten-free options and a raw bar, there's something for all diets.

At **Ruschmeyers**, come for the skirt steak, stay for the DJ. Bring a crew down for wood burning oven pizza, espresso martinis and great after-hours entertainment.

Poolside DJs and cocktails are a must on the weekends at the **Backyard Restaurant at Solé East**. Visit during Sunday brunch and try "the hangover"—prepared with short rib hash, fried eggs, spicy avocado and tomatillo salsa.

COURTESY LA FONDITA

CHEF JUAN GERONIMO OF LA FONDITA

> *John's Drive-In has been serving hand-pressed burgers and homemade ice cream since 1967. Wonder what's kept them in business for so long?*

John's Drive-In has been serving hand-pressed burgers and homemade ice cream since 1967. Wonder what's kept them in business for so long? It probably has something to do with the nostalgic and comforting feeling one gets walking into the retro shop, or it could be because they serve one of the tastiest burgers on the East End. They also offer fried chicken buckets, malted shakes, hot dogs and the option to build your own sundae. Yum!

Drop anchor at **Navy Beach** this summer. Located on a private beach overlooking Fort Pond Bay and Gardiners Island, it's the perfect spot to catch a sunset from their picnic tables. Navy Beach delivers with menu highlights like tuna crudo, crispy calamari salad, soy-glazed halibut and local swordfish.

Duryea's is another great spot to soak in the sun and dine al fresco with a breathtaking view of Fort Pond Bay. Shellfish fans will love their seafood towers, complete with snow crab claws, lobster, local oysters, shrimp and more. Their lobster roll is consistently ranked as one of the best Long Island has to offer.

Over in Amagansett, **Organic Krush** is introducing organic, gluten-free lobster rolls for a limited time only. Starting the first weekend in August and every weekend through Labor Day weekend, lobster lovers can purchase fresh lobster rolls made with locally caught Long Island lobster and prepared simply and deliciously with lemon juice, parsley, celery, chili powder and a touch of vegenaise mayo, all atop a lightly buttered gluten-free roll. The lobster rolls will be available at all Organic Krush locations on Saturdays and Sundays. They're priced at $25 and come with a fresh side salad. Orders can be placed through the Organic Krush app or by phone and are available for pick-up and delivery; lobster roll catering is available, too.

East Hampton's **Fresno** has a few summer specials that are sure to be popular: four special entrees. There's a grilled rack of lamb with crushed

COURTESY COCHE COMEDOR

THE ARTIST-DESIGNED TABLE TOPS AT COCHE COMEDOR

rainbow potatoes, grilled asparagus and a bordelaise sauce for $52; a surf and turf dinner with grilled filet mignon, head-on prawn, a potato pancake and sautéed spinach for $62; a chicken Milanese with a slow-roasted tomato sauce, mixed greens and goat cheese for $39; and a grilled swordfish with roasted confetti potatoes, wild mushrooms, sautéed fiddlehead fern and black truffle butter for $42.

In case you missed the memo, Water Mill's **Calissa** has an impressive music lineup this summer in collaboration with BCL Entertainment. Dubbed "Calissa Sounds," look for Questlove on August 13, Rev. Run X Ruckus on August 20, DJ Cassidy on August 27 and St. Lucia and RAC performing a collaborative DJ set together for the first time ever on September 3 to finish the season's slate. It'll be like you're in Mykonos!

Bits & Bites: **K Pasa** in Sag Harbor offers breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and an all-day menu available from noon to 9 p.m. ... Shippy's Pumpernickels in Southampton has a $22 complete dinner Monday through Thursday and a prime rib dinner every Sunday for $25. ... **Le Chef** in Southampton is celebrating 41 years!

Did You Know: Nick & Toni's first opened on August 3, 1988, so happy 33rd birthday to them! ... All of the table tops at **Coche Comedor** were hand painted by local artists led by Toni Ross, including Christopher French, Sabra Elliot, Oscar Molina, Don Christensen, Almond Zigmund, Bastienne Schmidt and Steve Miller. ... **Dan's GrillHampton** and **Taste of Two Forks** tickets are being offered at a special discounted price for a limited time only! Flip back to page 86 or visit DansTaste.com to learn more.

Fun Food Facts: Looking ahead, August 8 is National Zucchini Day; August 14 is National Creamsicle Day, and August 18 is National East Outside Day!

Quote of the Week: "A restaurant is a fantasy—a kind of living fantasy in which diners are the most important members of the cast." ~ Warner LeRoy, creator of Tavern on the Green

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email us at dansfoodseen@gmail.com!

Recipe:

La Fondita Chef Juan Geronimo's Calabazitas en Crema

CALABAZITAS EN CREMA AT LA FONDITA

Ingredients:
2 tbs oil
1 tsp butter
2lbs green zucchini, medium dice
1/3 cup onion, medium dice
1/3 cup beefsteak tomato, medium dice
2 ears sweet corn, cut off the cob
1 cup heavy cream
Queso fresco, crumbled, to taste
Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:
1. Heat oil and butter in a saucepan over medium heat and sauté the onion until it looks transparent, then add the zucchini, corn kernels and tomatoes, and season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook until zucchini begin to soften.
2. Add cream and cook until the cream reduces by one third. Serve sprinkled with crumbled queso fresco.

Piccinini Bros Brings the Meat to GrillHampton

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Dan's GrillHampton, the ultimate grill-off between chefs from Manhattan to Montauk, with a panel of celebrity judges, returns on August 20 with a brand-new presenting sponsor and meat purveyor, Piccinini Bros artisan butchery. And we couldn't have made a better match to supply all our chefs for this meat-centric party.

A family-run, Michelin Star restaurant supplier established in 1921, Piccinini Bros has spent most of the last century providing quality meats to some of the finest restaurants in the New York metropolitan area, including Altera, Blanca, Blue Hill at Stone Barns, Daniel, Batard, Blue Hill, Gramercy Tavern, Le Coucou, Perse and Tavern on the Green. Piccinini Bros' level of expertise, and USDA Prime Certification, has given them a reputation for delivering superior hand-cut meats, poultry and game every time for both wholesale and retail customers.

But in late 2020, as the pandemic raged and hurt or destroyed too many businesses in their industry, Piccinini Bros owners Paul and Sylvie Vaccari shifted their wholesale operation toward retail clients. The Vaccaris launched Piccinini Market in Hell's Kitchen, just around the corner from the family's first butcher shop, to provide their selection of exclusive, top quality meats—and a curated array of spices and marinades, Italian products, charcuterie, pasta, sauces, fresh breads and other specialty products—directly to individual customers cooking at home in NYC and the Hamptons.

All of their meat is butchered, weighed, packaged and delivered daily from Piccinini's third-generation butcher shop in New York City, with everything from ribeye, skirt, porterhouse, flank and filet to whole chickens, duck, turkey, lamb racks, shanks and chops to pork loin, cutlets, chops and sausage, and veal chops, cutlets and breast. Exotic meats are also available for specials order such as goose, capon, bison, Wagyu, venison, squab, quail, rabbits and more.

Sylvie Vaccari spoke with us about Piccinini's business and their inclusion in this year's GrillHampton.

COURTESY WORDHAMPTON

PICCININI BROS OWNERS PAUL AND SYLVIE VACCARI

You're providing all our NYC and East End chefs with their meat for GrillHampton. How's it going as we get closer to August 20?

We're ready to go. We've never done this before so we plan on being on-site if anybody needs anything. And, of course, eating as much as we possibly can! I'm so excited, (especially) since I'm on the in, knowing what people are serving.

Piccinini is known for quality and customer service. What makes your meat special?

We buy from the best regions. For example, most of our beef comes from the Northwest, because it's colder there, developing more fat on the cows, et cetera. We also get our lamb from Colorado because it's by far the best, as well as New Zealand and Australia. And we get chickens and pork and duck, and as much as we can, from close to us.

How did you end up delivering to customers in the Hamptons?

We did serve individuals as sort of private customers, but then as the pandemic hit, we opened it up. ... A lot of very loyal customers followed us from New York to the Hamptons. Our clients tend to be with us for years. The Hamptons became part of the pandemic. Our customers in New York moved out to the Hamptons and asked if we would deliver, and we said yes.

What do people have to do to get your meat this far east?

We deliver to the Hamptons every Thursday, so as long as we get their order by Wednesday, they'll get it that Thursday.

Do you recommend anything in particular this summer?

It's barbecue season, so we highly recommend our ribs—they're fantastic Berkshire pork, baby back, which are heritage, and they're really incredible. We have the beef blend of the Gramercy Tavern burger ... which is a short rib-brisket blend. We have great sausages we make in-house with both chicken and pork. If you want to have a barbecue, we're the people to talk to.

We also have incredible aged steak, which is really flying off the shelves. We age it ourselves ... at least 30 to 40 days. ... We have every kind of steak you can imagine. And we butcher it that day and deliver everything by truck that morning.

Along with supplying GrillHampton and East End customers with fine cuts of meat, Piccinini Bros also has special packages available this summer, such as Summer BBQ Family Pack, City Kitchen Pack, Classic NY Steak Butcher Box and Winter Comfort Food Box. Learn more, including details on each of these packages, at piccininibros.com, or call them at 212-246-8277.

Visit DansTaste.com for GrillHampton tickets and info.

COURTESY WORDHAMPTON

THE PICCININI BROS PARTY PACK

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7.23 Bob Moses Club Set
7.30 Armand Van Helden
8.06 Capital Cities DJ Set
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V-Café:

Serving Fresh, Flavorful Vietnamese Cuisine at Hampton Racquet Club

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

Foodies are always complaining about the lack of good Asian dining options in the Hamptons. But the V-Café—a little known 98-seat pop-up restaurant serving flavorful, authentic Vietnamese cuisine amidst the greenery, heaters and the thwack of tennis balls at the lovely Hampton Racquet Club—is changing all that.

It started with a mutual love of tennis. Lan Cao, who owns and has run the V-Café in Tribeca for 18 years, was playing tennis as she always does in the winter in Southampton, when she befriended Monica Graham and her brother John Graham. A friendly Thanksgiving invitation by the Grahams' led to more conversation, and Cao discovering that Monica owned the Hampton Racquet Club and John was the director of the tennis program there. When Cao looked up the club and saw they had a kitchen, the three began to discuss the idea of bringing Cao's Vietnamese food to the club—which had only utilized the kitchen as a snack bar for the kids camp.

"I said we can do snack food, Vietnamese snack street food," says Cao, the V-Café's executive chef. "And then COVID hit. There was no business in the city, and I wanted to keep my staff working. ... We started takeout after the Fourth of July weekend last summer."

A positive review in a local paper gave the V-Café a kickstart. And now, in their first full season, the partnership with Monica and Lan has resulted in an expansion of seating in the grassy umbrella area and a newly installed awning over the large deck. And the customers are coming and discovering her menu for both takeout and outside dining.

They are not disappointed. From satays to spring rolls, Vietnamese marinated flank steak to lemongrass chicken, sauteed jumbo shrimp to lacquered duck–the options are varied, fresh, flavorful and with just the right seasonings. There are several vegetarian choices and vegan options. (And the prices are a welcome reprieve in both taste and tabulations from the $50-plus lobster rolls this summer.)

Lan Cao, who was born in North Vietnam in Hanoi and grew up in Saigon, says that since the age of 8 she was always cooking and buying produce at the local market. After receiving a scholarship to Sydney University she lived in Australia, working for Citibank there, and then for the company in New York, where she stayed. She left finance after growing weary of "the glass ceiling and the bias" and the "toxic, unhealthy environment" on Wall Street. She opened an art gallery in Tribeca and after numerous enquiries about the food she made and served at her receptions, she eventually opened the V-Café in NYC.

What is special about Vietnamese cuisine?

We use five spices and soy sauce—the Western cuisine, they don't marinate things. They just put a sauce on the steak, but the Vietnamese said, "Oh, now we are going to have to change that."

We took some from the French, some from the Chinese, but we don't cook the way the Chinese do. We eat all the fresh vegetables. ... We are not as heavy and spicy as Thai food—it's a very balanced cuisine to me, and we really focus on the medicinal aspect of it

What kinds of spices do you use?

We use all the spices and the turmeric in a lot of food. Ginger, we eat ginger in everything. In soup and broth we use a lot of turmeric, garlic, those are very good medicinal benefits to your immune systems to help with inflammations.

We use all kinds of vegetables—we use bean sprouts, fresh cucumber, pickles ...

In Vietnam, at the table, every lunch and dinner there is always some kind of fermented pickle—pickled cabbage, pickled this or pickled that, pickled eggplant—because fermented food is good for your gut.

What are the some of the most popular items on your menu?

The pad Thai, the Jicama rolls, they are very light. The curry, people love curry.

What's the best part about being in the restaurant business?

Meeting people. Restaurants is a tough business, it's not easy to make money–I was lucky in the city for a number of years so I made it. ... Out here is very challenging, we don't have staff ... and costs high.

I think I'm happy the most when people really enjoy the food—it's like it validates something in me, for that part, it keeps me going.

V-Café at the Hampton Racquet Club is located at 172 Buckskill Road, East Hampton. Open to the public for lunch and dinner and takeout, Wednesdays noon–9 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.–3 p.m. For reservations and pickup orders, call 631-604-6455. For more information, visit Hampton-Racquet.com/v-cafe.

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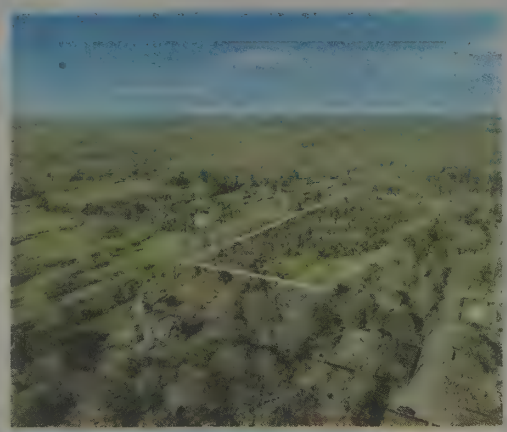

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THE NEWLY REFURBISHED COURTS AT TENNIS AT THE BARN

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Tennis at the Barn Serves New Family Fun in Westhampton

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Tennis is one of the most popular sport pastimes in the Hamptons, with many would-be players always on the hunt for someone to teach them the fundamentals or help them hone their novice or advanced skills. In July, Tennis at the Barn, a new facility in Westhampton, celebrated its grand opening and began welcoming families and individuals to come play, train, shop and relax.

The owners of Tennis at the Barn, located at the former Eastside Tennis Academy, have redesigned the space, repurposed courts and introduced a team of high-level players to host a plethora of tennis and pickleball programs, private lessons, round robins, clinics, micro leagues and private events. The team not only consists of experts in tennis playing and coaching, but also in the art of maintaining and growing a club.

Chief among them is general manager and director of racquet sports James McDonald, an International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association-certified coach, United States Professional Tennis Association elite pro and former state coach of Western Australia with 40 years of experience in the sport. He is joined by his wife, Kris, a former touring professional who achieved a world ranking of #90 on the WTA tour. Together, they've coached tennis and pickleball players of all skill levels for many years. Joining them are the club's head professional Rafael Coutinho, once a top South American tennis player, and staff professionals Frank Suarez and Marc Roura.

Those who visited Eastside Tennis Academy back when it was open will notice that while the layout of the club is largely the same, the courts and clubhouse have been completely repaired and look better than they have in years. "It has been redesigned and refurbished in the same footprint," McDonald says. "But it's not a reopening, it's a new opening of a new club."

One of the major changes to the space is that some of the tennis courts have been transformed into standalone pickleball courts, which brings the club's total courts to 11 Har-Tru tennis courts and four pickleball courts. There's also a spectacular clubhouse, comfortable viewing lounge upstairs and an enticing pro shop.

McDonald explains that the owners are locals who envisioned Tennis at the Barn as a complement to other tennis clubs in the area. "The better we do, the better they do. I think there's enough room for a club like us, which I think will really benefit the entire community and not detract from any other property," he says. "The more people who are playing with us, the more they're going to play at other properties, as well. It's a win-win for everybody, including the people playing. I think the clubs are all in this together; we're not 'partners' partners, but we're all trying to promote the game and the sport."

Part of the reason Tennis at the Barn can coexist with other clubs is its emphasis on being a family-friendly club that's inviting to all ages, from little kids to grandparents. "We're really catering to a family environment," McDonald says, adding that while this is a membership club, non-member families are more than welcome to rent courts on a pay-to-play basis.

Open seven days a week, Tennis at the Barn's programs and social events are already well underway and are expected to grow as more and more families discover this Westhampton gem. "The programs are being very well-received, so everyone is really enjoying what we're doing so far, and we hope to see more people out there," McDonald notes, adding that those interested shouldn't wait to check the club out, as the outdoor tennis and pickleball season comes to end when the East End begins to chill after Labor Day.

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REMEMBERING GEORGE PLIMPTON

I have many wonderful memories from the annual Artist and Writers softball game, but my favorite is of George Plimpton.

After his reflexes dulled, Plimpton switched from third to first base in the annual softball game in East Hampton. Sometime after age 70, he decided this was a game for men with less shame, and he took to the sidelines. Each year his name was announced, and each year he was hailed by the crowd and chased by writers on the bench who paid more attention to him than to the game. He did not appear one year, or the year before, and we feared he was done with us. But we kept ordering him a t-shirt with his name on the back. Then one August he showed up, pulled the shirt over his head and said he was ready to bat. As the captain of the Writers team, I announced that Plimpton would pinch-hit for the first batter of the game, *Daily News* sports columnist Mike Lupica. The crowd roared when the announcement was made.

"Would you like Mike to run for you, George?" I asked.

Plimpton scowled and said he was perfectly capable of running for himself.

He did not waddle to the plate, he strode. He watched the first pitch sail high for a ball, and then hit a rope into left field. He rounded first as if he were about to go for a double, then glided back to the base, with fans waving and cheering. He smiled broadly, signaled for me to send Lupica in to run for him and trotted back to the sidelines. The Writers won the game with a home run in extra innings, but the highlight was not this hit but Plimpton's.

I will never forget the Steeplechase smile on Plimpton's face after he got that hit, for I saw it twice. Several weeks later at a book party, Plimpton spotted two writers who played in that game. He would not boast of his feat, so we did. He modestly shrugged off the compliment, but his bright smile betrayed his pleasure—and ours.

Ken Auletta, a Sag Harbor resident, is well-known for his profiles of Bill Gates, Ted Turner, Barry Diller, Rupert Murdoch and other powerful people, and he has written "Annals of Communications" columns and profiles for The New Yorker *magazine since 1992. He is the author of 12 books, including five national bestsellers:* Three Blind Mice: How the TV Networks Lost Their Way*;* Greed and Glory on Wall Street*:* The Fall of The House of Lehman*;* The Highwaymen: Warriors of the Information Super Highway*;* World War 3.0: Microsoft and Its Enemies*; and* Googled, The End of the World As We Know It.

KEN AULETTA (ABOVE); GEORGE PLIMPTON AT THE A&W GAME (BELOW & RIGHT)

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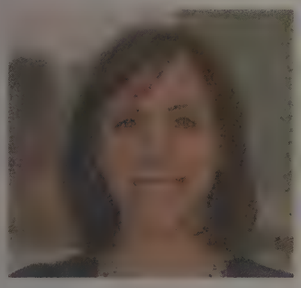

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Raising kids in the Hamptons has its tricky side. As a father of teens, as pastor for the Greek Orthodox Congregation and an active parent in schools, I worry that in spite of having every material thing we need to raise our kids right, somehow, we are missing something essential. It is said that we have worked so hard to give our kids everything we didn't have growing up, and yet we have forgotten to give them what we did have. In our rush to provide our kids with all of their material needs (and some luxuries as well), we neglect passing down our faith and our values.

I often tell my own children, "I want to be your friend, but I have to be your dad." Between the facts that our phones steal so much of our time, that our appetite for material "success" is rampant and that parents want to be liked, too, we tend to shy away from instructing our children to, as St. Paul said, "fix [their] minds on what is true, honorable, pure, right and lovely" (Philippians 4:8). Our kids are hungry for faith, for love and for wisdom. As parents, it is our job to make sure that there is room in their lives to learn those things.

Rabbi Josh Franklin

Those who have moved their families out to the Hamptons during the pandemic from New York City have been learning something that locals have known for some time: The Hamptons is a magical place to raise children. My two daughters (ages 2 and 6) are blessed to grow up so near nature's playground. Yes, we have our traditional parks with swings, slides, monkey bars and the works. But my children generally prefer running in and out of the surf at the beach, rolling down a sand dune, feeding the birds out of their hands at the Elizabeth Morton Wildlife Refuge, or taking a sunset boat ride. They aren't yet able to appreciate fully how lucky they are to have a childhood filled with some of the world's greatest marvels, but I know that I'm giving my kids a childhood that I could have only dreamed of.

Contrary to popular belief, the Hamptons isn't just a summer community, and there are plenty of great things to do with your children indoors and outdoors when the weather turns cold. My children love the activities at CMEE (Children's Museum of the East End) in Bridgehampton; they learn about the environment and the species of wildlife at SoFo (South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center); when it's raining my oldest daughter obsesses about bowling, mini-golf and the arcade at The Clubhouse. Most importantly though, my children belong to a strong community at their schools and at our synagogue, the Jewish Center of the Hamptons. The East End is most certainly a great place to be able to call home.

The last line of Psalm 23 reads: "And I will dwell in the house of God forever." The previous verses teach us that the house of God is place of "green pastures," that are along the "still waters." It sounds a lot like God's house could be in a Hamptons ZIP code, and our children are blessed to have such a great neighbor.

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Isaac 'Boots' Calpito: Getting Fit & Giving Back Through Torch'd

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

There is something about Isaac "Boots" Calpito that makes you want to work out. Or at the least, dance with him.

Maybe it's the way he waves and works a large, physical fan into his fitness routines that draws you in. Or his sassy commentary as he creates a fat-burning dance party with his killer choreography. Or simply that he is a fierce, free, force. And a lot of fun.

His wildly popular, full-body dance workout called Torch'd that made him an Instagram sensation and his new store Torch'd Shoppe in Wainscott, which opened on 27 East in July, make so much branding sense because Calpito is hot, hot, hot.

Dubbed the "breakout star of virtual fitness" by *The New York Times*, he is firing on all four burners: fitness influencer, choreographer, brand ambassador and philanthropist—giving to charities in a year when people needed it most.

"I always say my grandmother taught me love and my mother taught me drive, and it was a real goal of mine to get out and do something and make something out of my life," says Calpito, who is "exclusively in the Hamptons this summer," renting a place in Sag Harbor.

"I spent many years out here in East Hampton with friends and clients, but this is my first time actually living in Sag and I have to tell you, I absolutely love it."

He is certainly making the most of his time here—opening his Torch'd Shoppe and teaching his live fundraising fitness class at the Children's Museum of the East End (CMEE) at the outdoor amphitheater on weekend mornings.

On Saturday, August 7, he'll be joined by Brooke Shields and Ali Wentworth for a special workout class at CMEE where 100% of the proceeds benefit the seven charities involved in the East End Fund for Children.

His growing list of celebrities who he has worked with or trained includes Gwyneth Paltrow, Kelly Ripa, Vanessa Hudgens, Ariana Grande, Hugh Jackman and Lisa Rinna.

But when Calpito decided during the pandemic to stream his intense, Torch'd workouts for free every day on his Instagram live, something kicked in—his audience of followers grew exponentially and globally.

"What's beautiful about the Torch'd livestream is that you have everyone from Naomi Watts ... and Lizzie Tisch ... and Wendy Murdoch to tattoo mom from Kentucky, a grandmother in Okinawa and a frontline worker in Gainesville, Florida—all talking and all laughing and it was an equal playing field—and that is who I am."

And because he encouraged his followers to donate to the charity No Kid Hungry, Calpito, to date, has raised over $1.3 million for the cause.

"No Kid Hungry is a charity that has always been close to my heart, mainly because I was that kid," says Calpito. "And with every blessing I've had in my life and with my career I can never forget who I was."

Born and raised in Waimanalo, a small town in Hawaii, Calpito "grew up very, very poor," he says. The oldest of four children, and the only child until he was about 10 years old, Calpito says he "had a different upbringing" from his two younger sisters and little brother.

"My mom was 16 when she had me, near 17, and my dad was 18," explains Calpito. "It was just a different life, growing up on food stamps and very religious and sort of machismo island life," recalls Calpito. "And I'm born, and I'm doing cattle turns and hedge kicks like Madonna on the beach—it was quite the anomaly."

BARBARA LASSEN

ISAAC CALPITO AT HIS TORCH'D STORE IN WAINSCOTT

A dancer at heart, Madonna has clearly been an influence. He calls her his "saving grace."

"I was always a performer," says Calpito. I couldn't afford dance class, I would watch MTV ... I would watch her (Madonna) videos over and over and over again, and I would say that she was my first dance teacher."

She was a good teacher.

After hightailing it to New York City right after graduation at age 17, Calpito danced on Broadway for 11 or 12 years—*Mamma Mia* for six years at the Winter Garden Theater and in the original cast of *West Side Story* at the Palace Theater. He met, worked and learned from "titans in the business"—Arthur Laurents, Chita Rivera, Stephen Sondheim. And choreographed and directed for pop stars stars such as Ariana Grande.

It was during his *West Side Story* run that he created Torch'd, mainly because he didn't have time to go to the gym.

"There was no agenda to making this worldwide thing—it was more out of necessity," he says. "When I started choreographing for these pop stars I would start rehearsal with Torch'd because I knew that it worked for me as a dancer and it made me a stronger dancer, and that took off."

His focus on his Torch'd business may have shifted him away from Broadway, but the theater is in his DNA.

"I'm still a dancer and a choreographer because that's really what Torch'd is," says Calpito.

And in a Madonna-Like-A-Prayer-Full-Circle-Moment, Calpito danced with Madonna on live television, on *LIVE with Kelly & Ryan*—20 years after moving to NYC.

"It was a religious experience," recalls Calpito with a laugh. "Kelly and I are great, great friends—we send the clip to each other once a week."

We caught up with Isaac Boots via

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ISAAC CALPITO'S TORCH'D FITNESS CLASS AT CMEE IN BRIDGEHAMPTON

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ISAAC CALPITO

phone to talk Torch'd, his career and how he transformed his life.

What was it like to leave Hawaii and come to New York City?

It was exhilarating because I was just so excited to be in New York and to make something happen. ... I had nowhere to live and like 30 bucks. ...

There was something beautiful about Chelsea and the 8th Avenue culture and Big Cup and the gay restaurants, particularly as a 17-year-old gay boy moving from Hawaii to try to achieve a dream—to dance on Broadway or dance with Madonna.

How did you break through?

I was naïve and fearless and knocked on doors that I had no business being at. ... I auditioned every day, I didn't even know how to audition, I had no agent. ... I would basically sneak into these auditions and go to the front and just go for it, and I think they were either impressed with like my ballsiness or they were just annoyed and just finally let me in.

I feel like my entire life has been a series of making goals, reaching the goals and learning so much once I reach those goals—so I'm a perpetual student—just staying open and never being complacent.

The free livestream really took off.

I said, "I want to create a direct link for my Torch'd community" and wanted to make sure that any money goes straight to immediate funding for getting meals to kids across the country, and we did it. ... We made it sort of easy and sort of foolproof ... to donate instantly on my live.

My friends Lisa Rinna, Vanessa Hudgens, Kelly Ripa and Lizzy Tisch were really instrumental in getting the word out more and doing livestreams with me from their homes and raising like $40K a pop in a 45-minute workout—Kelly and I actually raised $125,000 in 45 minutes, which is amazing. And we were able to leave this past year doing something worthwhile, and I'm really happy about that, and it's translated into me opening my Torch'd Shoppe in Wainscott, which I'm really proud of.

How is the new Torch'd Shoppe doing?

It's been doing so fabulously well. ... I'm really grateful ... every sale of not only my classes but a portion of the shop goes to support the Children's Museum in Bridge and seven local charities that deal with abuse prevention and mental health and after school care and food pantries.

It's a beautiful venue that's not just a store that sells my merch and my apparel, but also my collaborators and sponsors (such as Fred Segal, Brian Atwood) and brands that I believe in—skin care to athleisure to one-piece design to jewelry—and a real celebration of art and photography. ...

Wayne Hollowell is a great artist who did a great Grey Gardens retrospective—I commissioned him to do something as a tribute to the Hamptons. Who doesn't love the Beals?

What's a typical Isaac Boots day?

It's non-stop work, which I love. I do one-on-one training, a pretty full client list hour on the hour either Facetime or Zoom sessions with clients all over the world. I have my daily instagram live @isaacboots, it's free and I invite people to donate.

I have a new initiative with NYU Langone for the frontline workers and the nurses to create mental health wellness programs—there's a real pandemic with nurses going on in having to deal with the stresses of what this past year was.

What's next in your world?

I'm only interested in doing things that have a bigger purpose—children, LGBT youth, LGBT rights and animals are really what I sort of want to devote myself to.

I have a global community, so I want to bring this marketplace—this experiential venue—to LA, to Miami, to Chicago to Europe, South Africa. ... I want everyone to experience this because it's a beautiful experience.

What ultimately drives you?

Connection and inclusivity—it's very important to me. I've worked with the best of the best, I've performed on world stages. ... I'm not a snob, and snobbishness and elitism is repulsive to me.

Yes, I'm invited to very fancy things and, yes, I have the luxury of you know, having and wearing a Gucci cardigan whenever I want, but at the end of the day I'm a little boy from Waimānalo, sitting on my morbidly obese grandmother's lap eating Spam—and having the best time doing that. [laughs] That's important to me.

Isaac Boots' special workout class with Brooke Shields and Ali Wentworth takes place on Aug. 7 at CMEE, at 10 a.m. For more info, visit IsaacBoots.com. His free Torch'd workout is live every day at 11 a.m. on Instagram @torchdbyisaac. His initiative with NYU Langone Health to support healthcare workers is #danceanddonatechallenge. Torch'd Shoppe is located at 352 Montauk Highway, Wainscott. For more, call 631-527-7347.

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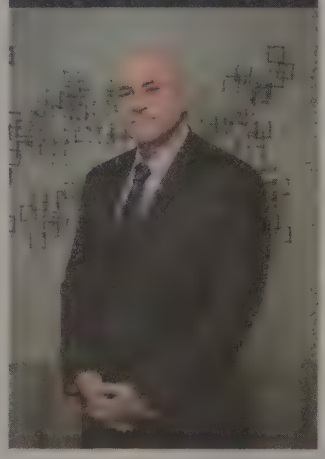

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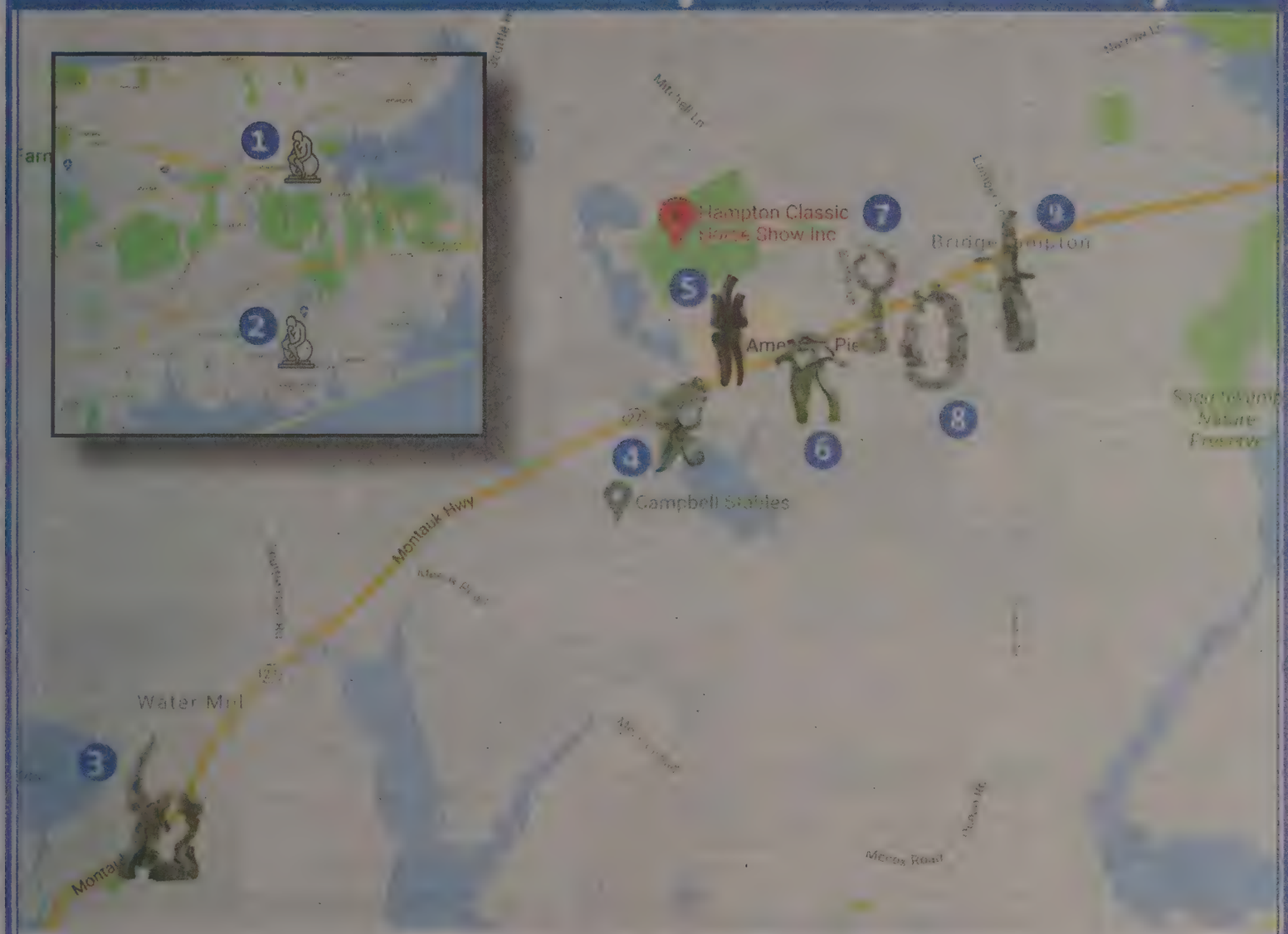

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Using a mix of scientific investigation and hands-on knowhow, Slack relies on his advanced training, years of construction experience and an array of top-of-the-line equipment such as moisture meters (protimeters) and advanced fiber optic scopes (borescopes), during each thorough inspection to detect hidden mold and moisture intrusion. Slack also uses thermal imaging technology (FLIR) for infrared inspections to find hidden problem that would be otherwise inaccessible to the human eye.

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For those not able to attend, an edited 45 minute stream of the 2021 Game will premiere online at 5 pm on Sunday August 29 at awgame.com and DansPapers.com and be available afterwards on demand at awgame.com. This streaming combined with earlier videos, photographs and commentary will be made into a documentary to be entered in the Hamptons International Film Festival for 2022.

Over a hundred celebrities, politicians, novelists, sculptors, Hollywood personalities, stars in the financial world and professional sports have made appearances over the years at the game, either as players or pinch hitters. And they will be playing this year too.

Here's an account of the game played in 1999.
Watch this space to read how the game came out in other years, a different year's game every week.

The 1999 Artist-Writers Game was won by the Artists 10-8. In addition to the local artists and writers were Actor Roy Scheider (the police chief in JAWS) who pitched for the artists, Millionaire owner of the Daily News Mort Zuckerman pitched for the Writers. Actor Eli Wallach threw out the first pitch and movie maker Ed Burns hit a long fly ball for the Artists. Advertising man Brett Shevak was heckled from behind the backstop by commentator Jimmy Lipton and everyone lamented that author George Plimpton had failed to show up for the game.

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How To Maintain Hardwood Floors

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In its 2019 Remodeling Impact Report, the National Association of Realtors revealed that new wood flooring was the fourth most popular project to attract buyers. Of course, hardwood floors aren't just for buyers. Homeowners who already have hardwood floors know just how impressive these floors can be, especially when they're well maintained.

"Floors have a big impact on the character and feel of your rooms," Hampton Bays-based JEO Flooring says on its website. "They can be rich and dark in tone, or light and airy, to match your style and decor."

Maintaining wood floors is not necessarily as straightforward as it may seem, and homeowners may benefit from a tutorial on how to keep the floors under their feet looking good.

To polish or not to polish?

Polishing floors is an inexpensive way to keep them looking good. But the home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that not all floors can be polished, and determining which ones can depends on the finish. Floors with waterproof barriers such as urethane will benefit from routine polishing. However, floors with penetrating finishes like tung oil will need to be waxed rather than polished.

What finish is on the floor?

The Hardwood Distributor's Association recommends a simple way for homeowners to determine which type of finish is on their hardwood floors. Homeowners are advised to rub a finger across the floor. If no smudge appears, then the floor is surface sealed. If a smudge is created, then the floor has been treated with a penetrating seal.

"There are many types of coatings to choose from, depending upon your needs and uses," JEO says.

The HDA also notes that recently installed wood floors are likely surface sealed.

How often should floors be polished or waxed?

Wood flooring professionals recommend polishing floors that can be polished once every few months. Waxing wood floors does not need to be done as frequently, and most can benefit from a fresh coat of wax every 12 to 18 months.

What can I do on a daily basis?

Some simple tricks and daily maintenance can help wood floors retain their impressive look.

Utilize floor mats. The HDA notes that floor mats near entryways can reduce the time it takes to clean hardwood floors and reduce the wear and tear they endure. For example, tiny particles like dirt can scratch the floor and contribute to the kind of minor damage that adds up to significant scarring over time. Floor mats near entryways ensure most of that dirt never makes it to the wood floors.

Vacuum without a beater bar. Some vacuums contain beater bars, which are designed to pick up human hair, dog hair and other things that conventional vacuums may not be able to pick up. The HDA advises vacuuming without the beater bar, as it can contribute to small scratches in the floor. Sweeping with a high-quality broom or microfiber cloth is another way to pick up dirt without damaging floors.

Use manufacturer-recommended cleaning products. Local home improvement stores sell a plethora of hardwood floor cleaning products, but the HDA notes that many flooring manufacturers now sell their own hardwood floor cleaners designed specifically for their floors. These products are likely a homeowner's best bet.

Homeowners who can't find them can seek recommendations from a local flooring retailer. Hardwood floors are attractive for many reasons. And they look even more stunning, and last much longer, when homeowners make an effort to maintain them.

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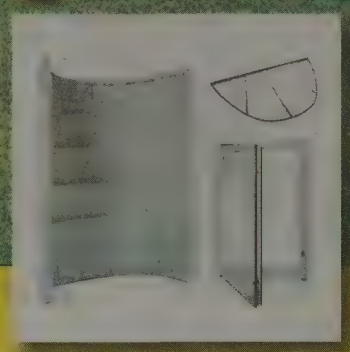

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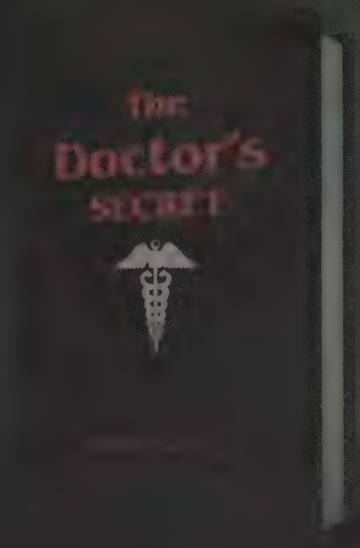

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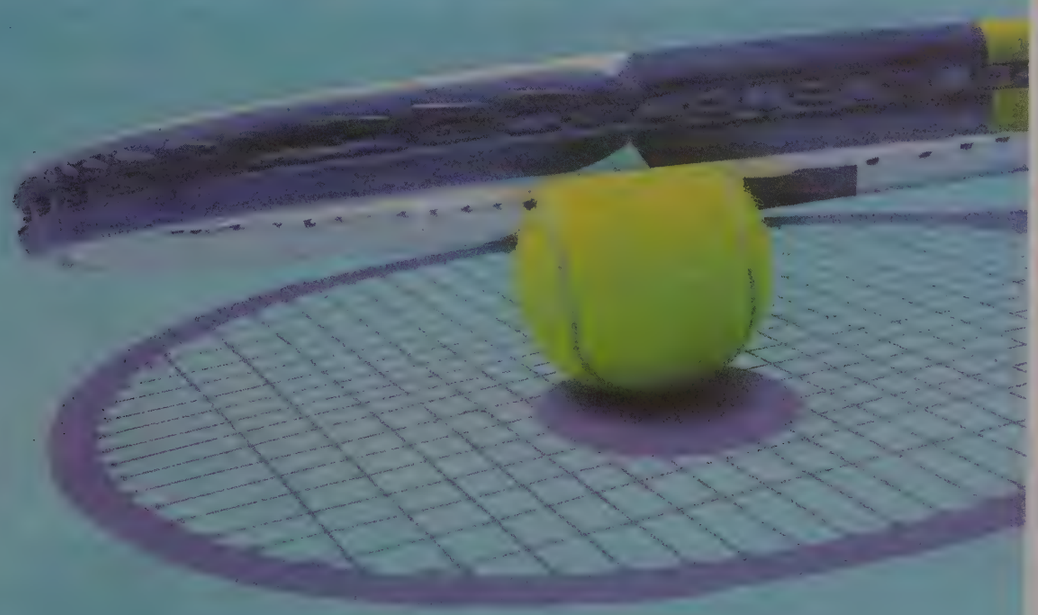

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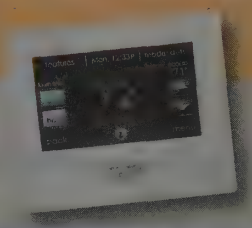

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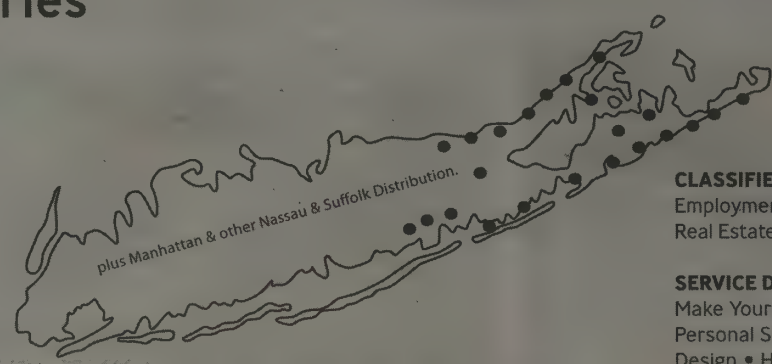

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Margo Catsimatidis

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Born in Indiana, Margo Catsimatidis's first passion was the performing arts. Beginning in her early years, Catsimatidis's creative spirit drove a successful early career in dance. By age 12, she was lauded by the dance community, and was invited to embrace her Eastern European roots at the internationally-renowned Bolshoi Ballet—the youngest dancer ever to be invited to perform at the hallowed program in America.

"I grew up in Indianapolis, but since I was 12, I always dreamed of coming to New York. Though, I had to wait until I was good enough at ballet to do that. So, the first time that the Bolshoi Ballet came to the United States, they came to Indianapolis, and I was chosen to dance with them. It was one of the biggest thrills of my life and they were wonderful, so it gave me an opportunity and a hope that I could make it anywhere," says Catsimatidis.

In her teen years, as a life of dance began to flourish, she set her sights on New York City—the mecca of the performing arts. With her focus on the big city, she ventured from Indianapolis, Indiana to the Big Apple in 1971, in pursuit of her dream.

"I started ballet about 9 years old with my sister, who was 8. My mother put me in ballet and I learned how to dance. We went from the 'back of the room,' to the 'front of the room,' and then the 'Vondersaar Sisters,' as they called us, came to New York. My sister came to New York at 14 and a half, and I came at 16 and a half, with a hundred dollars in my pocket, and I felt like nothing could stop me," Catsimatidis continues.

Shortly thereafter, though, her ballet career was cut short due to a dance-related injury. But in the face of adversity, her ambition and creative talent brought her acclaim in the theater and became the cornerstone of an illustrious career to come.

"I was recuperating, at the time, from a knee injury so I could not perform. I learned of this guy who opened a supermarket near where I lived, and I went in to get a job until I could heal. I was told that they were looking for people to work in the office, and I went for an interview and I got the job—it was a guy named John Catsimatidis who I would end up working for," she says.

It was then that Margo Catsimatidis would begin a professional endeavor that would shape her life and future. Serving as the first secretary to the Owner of Red Apple Supermarkets, she would soon meet the love of her life and her now-husband of over 40 years, John.

"John was the chief cook, and bottle washer—he did everything at the time. I ended up loving business so much, I would work 90 hours a week. I was like a sponge, it was amazing to learn and watch John—and he's still amazing to this day," says Catsimatidis.

John and Margo then began to build an empire that today extends to several different industries, including supermarkets, oil refineries and assets, gas stations, real estate and media, all beneath the Red Apple Group corporation.

In the over four decades since her first position with Red Apple, Catsimatidis has been featured and profiled by countless high-profile publications, been recognized by organizations ranging from the Greek Orthodox Church of America to the Bowery Mission Society. Most recently, she was interviewed about her life and success by renowned columnist and writer, Cindy Adams, while on the airwaves of 77 WABC Radio—a station which is a subsidiary of Red Apple Group.

Catsimatidis's contributions to New York City and the East End have been many and varied. Spending much time at their home in East Quogue, Catsimatidis leads a variety of charitable endeavors which expand opportunities, support underserved communities, advocate on behalf of awareness and support law enforcement.

To name a few causes near to her heart, Catsimatidis is the vice chair of the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Police Athletic League, on the board of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association and—perhaps most notable to her ethnicity and family origins—a board member of the Russian Heritage Foundation.

MARGO CATSIMATIDIS

Catsimatidis received the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2000, for her work in heritage preservation.

Her family's remarkable venture to the United States is, in many ways, the seed of her willingness to give back.

"My mother was from Poland, my grandmother was from Russia, and my grandfather was from the Ukraine. My father was an Army Intelligence Officer, and found my mother and grandparents in a concentration camp in Krakow. He rescued them and brought them to America, to Indianapolis, where I was born.

"My father had saved a four-star general's life, so my mother and grandmother were given passage to come to America. They worked very hard, were very grateful, and they loved America. The freedoms we are blessed with—we all worked very hard," she says of her family's background.

But their generosity, Catsimatidis adds, also comes from their own struggles, humble beginnings and humility—as well as the belief that others can rise the way the Catsimatidis have.

"John grew up poor in Harlem. I grew up poor in Indiana. So, we understand what it is to struggle, do better and then help people. That's what we are about, always—helping people and getting better.

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When asked about her love of the Hamptons, Catsimatidis says, the community is the best part of living here.

"The Hamptons brings people together. The natural beauty here, the way of life, it is embraced by us all—which makes us all realize how much we have in common. It's a lovely place where there is a spirited and mutual love for the East End, that we are all fortunate to be a part of," Catsimatidis concludes.

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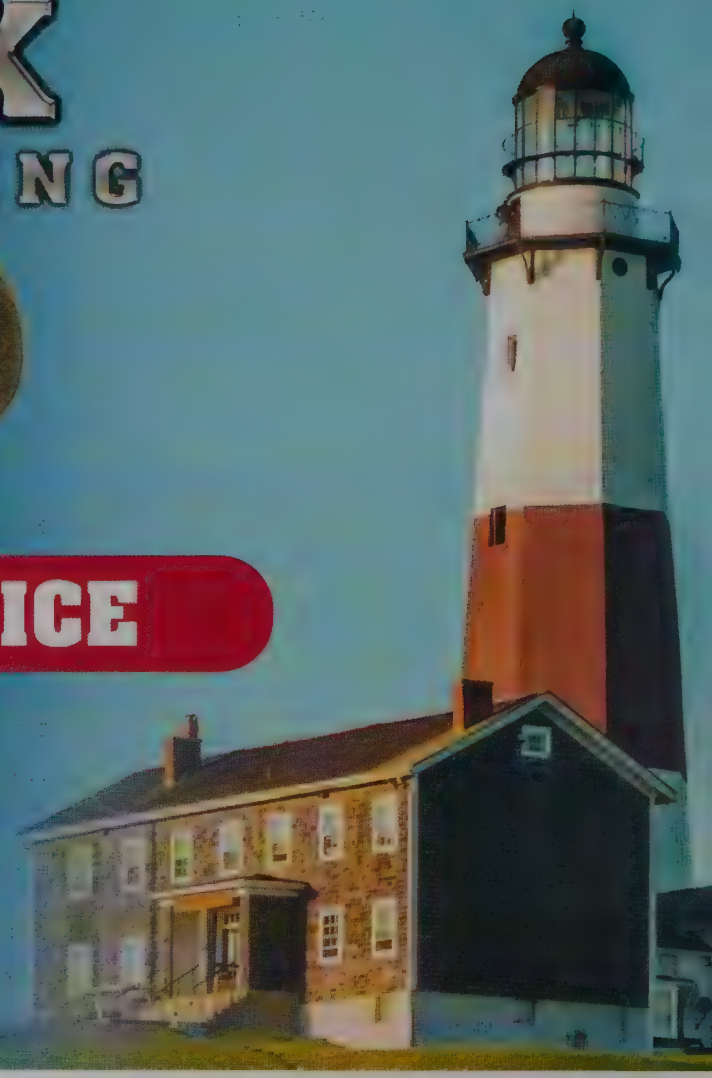

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